



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Community Assistance Recovery Empowerment Program (CARE): **Data Dashboard Overview**

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Behavioral Health Commission

CARE Summary

CARE was successfully implemented in Los Angeles County on December 1, 2023.

Regional offices were established in each of the eight (8) Service Areas.

All Service Areas have the capacity to provide the full spectrum of CARE services.

The CARE process is a voluntary Civil Court proceeding which is collaborative and supportive in its approach.

The court proceedings are held at the Norwalk Courthouse, which also includes a legal self-help center.

CARE Data: Petitions

As of 1/2/2025

- Family Initiated Petitions: 270
- Non-Family Initiated Petitions: 61
 - Provider Network Initiated Petitions - 10
 - Self – 7
 - DSH Pilot (State Hospitals) – 11
 - CDCR – 3
 - DMH Initiated Petitions: 30

Total Petitions: 331

CARE Data: Reason for Petition Dismissals As of 1/2/2025

- Incarcerated: 6
- Deceased: 1
- Declined to Participate: 3
- Petition Withdrawn: 3
- Moved Out of County/Resides Out of the County: 10
- Does not Meet CARE Criteria: 41
- Unable to Locate Client: 3
- Client Stable in Current Treatment: 27
- Unlikely to benefit (Needs Higher Level of Care): 6

Total Dismissed: 100

CARE Data: Housing Status

As of 1/2/2025



HOUSED: 215



NOT HOUSED: 104



JUSTICE SYSTEM: 12

CARE Agreements & Care Plans

As of 1/2/2025

- CARE Agreements: 32
- CARE Plans: 4

CARE Data: Non-Petition DMH Referrals

As of 1/2/2025 – Referral Sources

- PMRT/START/MET
- Full Service Partnership (FSP)
- Department of Health Services (DHS)
- Public Guardian
- Promoting Health Preventing Homelessness
- Court Linkage
- Hollywood 2.0
- DMH Outpatient Clinics/Legal Entities
- Harbor Interfaith
- PIH Whittier Hospital
- Hollywood Mental Health Court
- Norwalk Court

Total Non-Petition DMH Referrals: 176

SB 317

- SB 317, under 5978 (b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code states " A court may refer an individual from misdemeanor proceedings pursuant to section 1370.01 of the Penal Code to CARE Act proceedings."
- Judges at Hollywood Superior Court, commonly referred to as Mental Health Court, routinely refer Penal Code 1370.01 defendants to be evaluated by DMH's CARE Team as to their suitability to participate in the CARE Court Program.
- These are individuals who have committed a misdemeanor and have been deemed incompetent to stand trial.

SB 317 Dispositions

As of 1/2/2025

Disposition	Total	Percentage
Did not meet CARE Court Criteria	80	31.4%
Met CARE Court Criteria	68	26.7%
<i>* Met CARE Criteria, but unable to locate</i>	<i>*48</i>	<i>* 70.6%</i>
Meets Grave Disability Criteria	103	40.4%
Petitioned	2	0.8%
Evaluations Pending	2	0.8%
Total	255	100%

Outreach & Linkage

As of 1/2/2025

- Self-help Calls: 104
- Face to Face Consults at Court: 152
- Number of Structured Power Point Presentations: * 73
 - Total Number of Participants: 3,186
- Number of CARE Information Dissemination Events: ** 53
 - Total Number of Community Members: 6,284

* Tri-City Mental Health presentation included

** CARE Team members provided information at community events

New Strategies



**CLOSELY
COLLABORATING
WITH THE FSP
PROGRAMS THAT
HAVE LIMITED
CAPACITY FOR
NEW CLIENTS**



**OUTREACH AND
TRAINING FOR
FIRST
RESPONDERS**

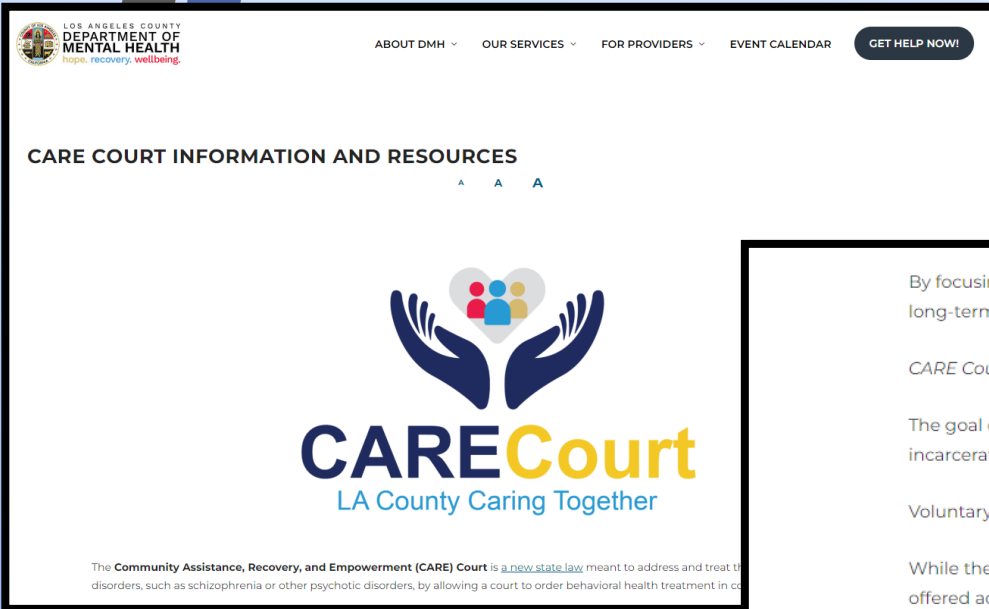


**ENGAGING WITH
THE HOSPITAL
ASSOCIATION
REGARDING A
PILOT FOR HIGH
UTILIZERS OF
EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENTS**



**EXPLORING WITH
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FREQUENTLY
INVOLUNTARILY
HOSPITALIZED
INDIVIDUALS TO
ACCESS CARE
COURT SERVICES**

CARE Resources and Links



Web: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/court-programs/care-court/>

Email: CARECourt@dmh.lacounty.gov

By focusing on a holistic, person-centered approach, CARE Court aims to break the cycle of homelessness and incarceration for individuals and promote long-term recovery through a civil court process. This holistic approach seeks to create a safe, supportive, and healthier community for all residents.

CARE Court is intended to be a path towards recovery for a very specific population of adults.

The goal of the program is to divert individuals with schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders from more restrictive settings (such as conservatorships or incarceration) into the community with a supportive Care Agreement or plan to meet their individual needs.

Voluntary treatment is always available and preferred to court involved/ordered treatment.

While the County of Los Angeles is part of the second legislative group/cohort, early implementation will allow us to optimize the resources and services offered across our departments during this state of emergency on homelessness and early CARE implementation.

CARE Court will begin accepting petitions on **December 1, 2023**, but help for community members does NOT have to wait. Residents and family members can access other LACDMH programs, services, and resources today through our website, calling our 24/7 Help Line at (800) 854-7771, or calling/texting the [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#).

Explore the below sections for more information about CARE Court; program details will also be posted on [L.A. Court's website](#) soon. If you have additional questions about CARE Court, email CARECourt@dmh.lacounty.gov.

HOW CARE COURT WORKS



WHO IS INVOLVED IN CARE COURT



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

