

Nevada County CARE Act Overview



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The goal of Care Court: Compassionate care for people in need



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Court Based Treatment Programs in Nevada County

Criminal Courts

- Incompetency to Stand Trial (IST) Diversion
- Mental Health Diversion
- Adult Drug Court
- Mental Health Court
- Competency Restoration

Civil Courts

- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)
- Conservatorship
- CARE Court



To be eligible for CARE Act:

Age

- Must be 18 or older

Diagnosis can be either

- Severe mental illness AND Schizophrenia
- Other DSM psychotic disorder diagnosis

Functioning

- Not clinically stable in on-going voluntary treatment

Who can petition for CARE Court?

County Behavioral
Health professional

Family members
(i.e., parent, sibling,
grandparent, or
child)

Public guardian or
conservator

Hospital Director

First Responder

Behavioral health
provider (if services
provided in last 30
days)

Person the
respondent lives
with

Respondent (self-
referral)

Law Enforcement

How can someone file a CARE Petition?

Access the CARE 100 form

- Start a petition and gather required information for submission
- Contact the Nevada Superior Court Self- Help Center for petition assistance

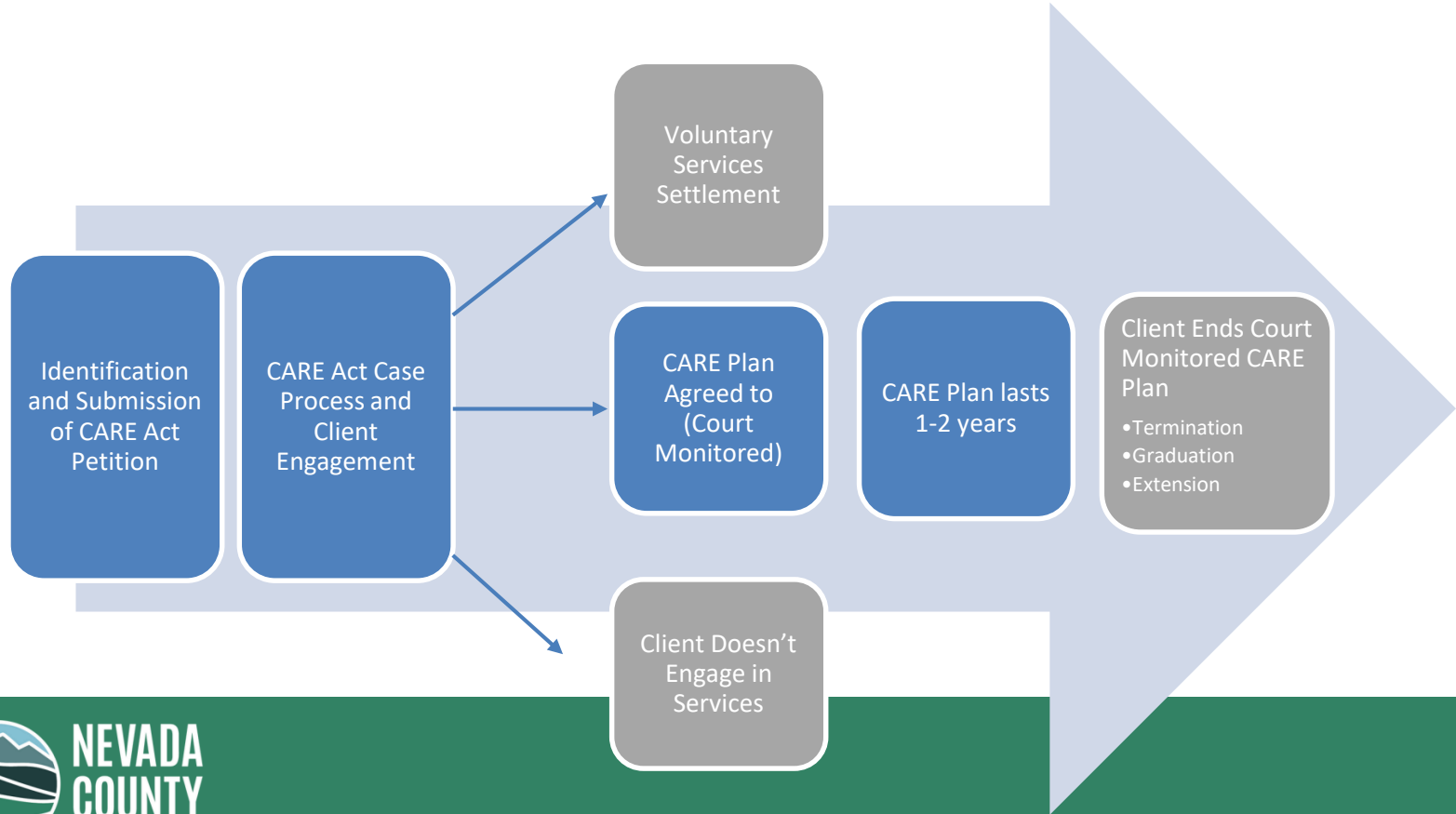
Contact a licensed clinician to sign a CARE 101 form

- tell the court that they have determined that the respondent meets, or have reason to believe that the respondent meets, the legal requirements for CARE Act proceedings.

File both forms with the Nevada County Superior Court

- Go to Nevada City or Truckee court filing windows to file the petitions

What is the general CARE Court Process



What are the elements of CARE Plan?

The CARE plan is jointly developed by County Behavioral Health with the respondent, their counsel, and supporter within 14 days of establishing eligibility

Treatment

- Clinically appropriate mental health and substance use disorder treatment services and stabilizing medications provided through county behavioral health agencies

Housing

- Public housing options built into a plan and accessed if available to the respondent

Other Support Services

- As needed and available, community-based support services, including human services and other supports

Key County Departments involved in Care Court

Behavioral Health Department

Public Defender

County Counsel

Public Defenders and Mental Health

Criminal

- Mental Health Diversion
- Mental Health Court
- Incompetent to Stand Trial Diversion
- Incompetent to Stand Trial → to the Dept. of State Hospitals

Civil

- CARE
- Assisted Out-patient Treatment (Laura's Law)
- Reese Hearings
- Conservatorships
 - LPS
 - Probate



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Defender**

How will Care Court be funded?

- Behavioral Health
 - Special rates for activities not billable to Medi-Cal
 - Rates will not cover costs
- Public Defender
 - Limited annual funding for Respondent's Counsel; \$60,000 for Nevada County
 - Extensive reporting requirements.
- County Counsel
 - No specific funding

What we know about Care Court implementation from other counties

Less petitions than expected and very few plans ordered

Lots of people engage in services voluntarily

Petitions tend to come from family members and Behavioral Health Department staff

Acuity of people referred is high and the outreach and engagement phase is lengthy

After extensive planning, Nevada
County is ready to go live December 1!



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