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ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT
TURNING POINT OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, INC.

Turning Point of Central California, Inc. was founded in 1970. For over 50 years now, we have been transforming lives across the state of California. From Mental Health to Community Corrections, Children's Services, Housing Programs, Recovery Services, Substance Abuse Disorders & more; we serve people in need. Our desire is to see individuals reach their full potential, and create lasting change that will stand the test of time.



How A Petition Is Filed:

01

If eligibility is met, DBH will refer the individual to the AOT program where the outreach and engagement will begin.

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The AOT program will work to engage the individual so that together, they can identify and secure the most relevant supportive services.

03

If the individual continues to decline services, the AOT clinician will file a petition, submitting it for review with DBH to determine if the person is an appropriate candidate for AOT.

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If it is determined that the person is an appropriate candidate, DBH will submit to the superior court for filing for the court process to begin.

SCAN QR CODE TO VISIT WEBSITE



<https://www.tpocc.org/aot>



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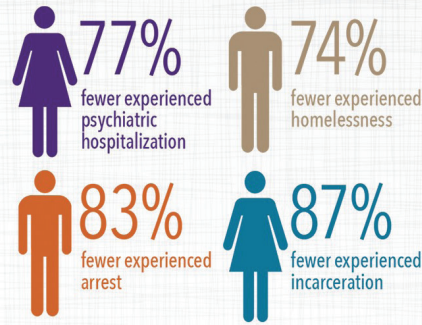
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Is AOT Effective?



WHAT IS AOT?

AOT is court oversight of mandatory outpatient treatment by a civil, not a criminal, court. It is intended for adults with severe mental illness, usually schizophrenia or bipolar disorder, who have difficulty adhering to mental health treatment on a voluntary basis. Severe Mental Illness requires intensive treatment. Participants in AOT are generally those who, through no fault of their own, lack an understanding that their illness requires ongoing treatment. As a result, they do not engage in the level of treatment necessary to keep them from getting caught in the “revolving doors” of hospitals, jails and prisons.

The existence of a court order, along with consistent messages from the judge and treatment team that they care about the participant’s success in the community, are often enough to motivate participants to follow their treatment plans. AOT is an opportunity to have highly skilled mental health professionals meet them where they are, and do whatever it takes to build trust so they can articulate their needs and staff can offer services that are immediate and meaningful. AOT staff have years of experience with this unique population and will work to build engagement and maintain trust with the goal of eventually providing them the more intensive psychiatric help they need.

AOT REDUCES ARRESTS & VIOLENCE



AOT SAVES MONEY



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ Over 18
- ✓ Suffering from a severe mental illness
 - + Unlikely to survive safely in the community
 - + Likely to relapse or to deteriorate further without assistance
- ✓ Their lack of compliance with mental health treatment has caused:
 - + More than 2 psychiatric hospitalizations in the last 2 years

OR

 - + Violent behavior or serious threats of harm to self or others in the past 48 months
- ✓ The person continues to refuse treatment
- ✓ AOT would be the least restrictive treatment
- ✓ The person would likely benefit from AOT intervention