



## Superior Court of California County of El Dorado

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### **El Dorado Superior Court Announces CARE Act Program**

**Placerville, CA, November 27, 2024:**

The Superior Court of California, County of El Dorado will begin accepting petitions for the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act on December 2, 2024.

The CARE Act authorizes specified adult persons, outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code § 5974, to petition the court to create a voluntary CARE agreement or a court-ordered CARE plan for another person, called a respondent. If the court finds the respondent is eligible for the CARE program, the county behavioral health agency and respondent will work together to enter into a voluntary agreement for services and treatment. The CARE plan or agreement can include services such as clinical behavioral health care; counseling; specialized psychotherapy, programs, and treatments; stabilization medications; a housing plan; and other community-based services. A respondent must be at least 18 years old, have a diagnosis of schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorder, and meet several other requirements.

CARE Act petitions can be filed at the Placerville Fair Lane and South Lake Tahoe Branches beginning December 2, 2024. CARE Act petitions, reports, and proceedings are confidential.

To find out if you or someone you know may be eligible for the CARE program, visit <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/care-act/about>. For information on how to file a CARE petition, visit <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/care-act/how-to-file>. For location and other court-specific information, visit <https://www.eldorado.courts.ca.gov/care-act>.

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