

Superior Court of California County of Calaveras 400 Government Center Drive, San Andreas, CA 95249

PRESS RELEASE

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Calaveras County to Launch CARE Act Program December 2, 2024

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

On September 14, 2022, Governor Newsom signed <u>SB-1338</u> enacting the CARE Act. The Care Act creates a new pathway to deliver mental health and substance use disorder services to the most severely impaired Californians who often suffer in homelessness or incarceration without treatment. The CARE Act is intended to support people living with schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders by providing treatment, services, support and a housing plan.

Petitions may be filed at either the Self-Help Center or the Clerk's office at the Superior Court located at 400 Government Center Drive, San Andreas, California. There is no fee required to file a Petition for CARE Act proceedings. The CARE Court calendar will be heard in Courtroom 4 on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. CARE Court petitions, reports, and proceedings are confidential and not open to the public.

The Calaveras Superior Court will be offering self-help services to assist CARE Court petitioners, respondents and families as they navigate the CARE Court process and will also help connect individuals to other available resources in Calaveras County.

For more information on CARE Court proceedings, links to forms, and other resources, please visit <u>www.calaveras.courts.ca.gov</u>