

Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority

OUR MISSION

The Authority supports the
Advancement of Social Equity and
Improved Quality of Life
for those we serve.

We Help:

- Adults with serious and persistent mental illness
- Children with serious emotional problems
- Adults and children with developmental disabilities
- People who are in crisis because of mental illness

The 2003 President's New Freedom Recovery Commission on Mental Health outlined a national vision for mental health services:

"A nation where everyone with a mental illness will have access to early detection and the effective treatment and supports essential to live, work, learn and participate fully in their community."

Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority believes that this vision is advanced by providing supports for people with mental illness centered in the philosophy of Recovery, which "involves the development of new meaning and purpose in one's life as one grows beyond the catastrophic effects of mental illness."

Important Numbers

Oakland County Community
Mental Health Authority
2011 Executive Hills Boulevard
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2944

Located on the northeast corner of Opdyke Road and Executive Hills Boulevard, across from the Pontiac Silverdome.

Customer Services

800-341-2003 (Toll Free)
8am to 5pm Monday-Friday

Office of Recipient Rights
877-744-4878 (Toll Free)

Text Telephone (TTY): 800-552-8774

On the Web

www.occmha.org

**Oakland County Health Division/
Office of Substance Abuse Services**
248-858-0001

Common Ground Sanctuary Crisis Line
800-231-1127 (Toll Free)
(24 hours a day)

Free interpreter services are available for mental health services provided by our agency and the provider network.

If special accommodations are needed to inquire about services, please contact 248-858-1210.

This brochure is available in Spanish, Arabic, audio, and large print.

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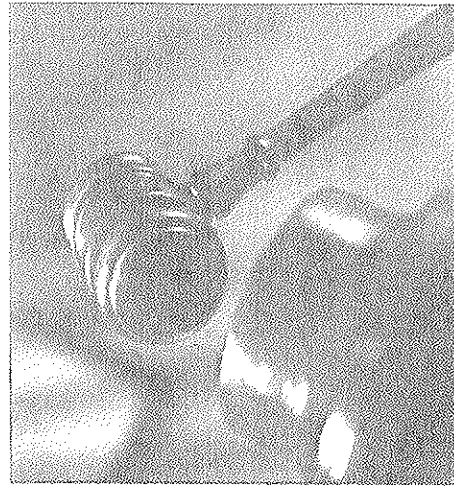
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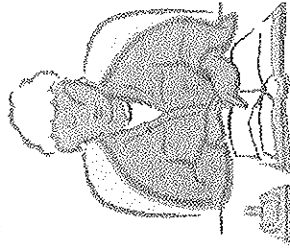
Kevin's
Law

What you need to know.



What is Kevin's Law?

The purpose of the law is to allow the court to order "Assisted Outpatient Treatment" for people with mental illness who are "least able to help themselves or most likely to present a risk to others."



If you are 18 or over, and think that a person you know is not following the treatment for their mental illness, you can go to Oakland County Probate Court and fill out a paper called a Petition for Assisted Outpatient Treatment. The person will be assessed to determine their needs. If necessary, there will be a hearing. If the court agrees that the person probably won't get help for themselves, they will order that person to go to Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority. The Authority will help the person make a plan that will assist them to safely live, work and participate in the community.

Is there anyone that this law doesn't cover?

This law does not apply to people who have a drug or alcohol problem, unless they also have a mental illness.

It also does not cover people with brain disorders like Alzheimer's disease or epilepsy, which may affect their behavior.

How can I get help deciding if this is the best way to get help for the person I am concerned about?



Please call 248-456-1991 during business hours. A staff person at Common Ground Sanctuary will talk to you about this decision and can help you fill out the form if you need help. You can also call Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority Customer Services for more information at 800-341-2003.

What happens if the person does not follow the court order?

If the person does not follow the court order, Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority must tell the court. The judge can order that the person be put in the hospital for up to 10 days.

The judge can also have the police pick the person up and take them to Common Ground Sanctuary, which is the Community Mental Health agency that screens people for psychiatric hospitalization. Then the doctor at Common Ground Sanctuary will decide if the person needs to be in the hospital.

Will the person be able to find out who filed the petition?

Yes. This is public information. However, you will not be informed about the outcome of the hearing unless the person decides to release this information to you.

Important Telephone Numbers

Common Ground Sanctuary
248-456-1991

Oakland County CMH Authority
Customer Services
800-341-2003