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The Sonoma County Superior Court is gearing up to launch the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act program on December 2, 2024.

The CARE Act program in California provides a voluntary pathway to deliver mental health services to individuals who are experiencing a severe mental illness and have a diagnosis of schizophrenia or another psychotic disorder in the same class.

Through a holistic and person-centered approach, CARE Court seeks to break the cycle of homelessness and incarceration by providing opportunities for individuals to engage in treatment, creating a safer and healthier community for all residents.

This initiative not only provides personalized treatment opportunities and community-based support services but also emphasizes the importance of voluntary treatment over court-ordered options. “A core focus of this statewide initiative is the voluntary nature of compliance with recommended treatment options. It offers a tremendous opportunity for housing and services for those who agree to participate in the program,” said Presiding Judge Shelly Averill.

With confidential proceedings and a focus on individual well-being, the CARE Act program offers individuals the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those it serves.

To learn more about this program, visit the court's website at sonoma.courts.ca.gov/care-court or the Civil Self-Help Center located at 3055 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA.

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Walk-in hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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