

Struggling with schizophrenia or another psychotic disorder shouldn't result in jail time or homelessness — and now, it doesn't have to.

## Find hope with the CARE ACT

(Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act)

For those who have been unable to successfully treat or manage their severe mental illness, there is a new pathway available to help them stabilize before they end up homeless or in jail.

The CARE Act allows family members to petition a mental health-led civil collaborative court for special assistance for their loved one. For those who qualify this opens them up to receive a CARE plan which could consist of:

- Qualified behavioral health professionals
- Medical treatment
- Specialized support
- Community-based housing, when available
- Self-determination where possible for those being treated
- ...and more

With the compassionate support and resources from the CARE Act, some of our most vulnerable finally have a broader opportunity to stabilize and re-empower themselves, while reducing the strain of support on our community and families.

Visit <u>solanocounty.com</u> to learn if your loved one qualifies.



Or contact 707-784-2055 or BHCareAct@solanocounty.com for more information.