



CARE-Act



What is CARE?

Community
Assistance
Recovery &
Empowerment

Care is a “new civil court process”
established to:

- Focus counties and other local governments on serving persons with **untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders**.
- Provide **behavioral health and other essential resources** and services.
- **Protect self-determination and civil liberties** by providing legal counsel and promoting supported decision making.
- **Intervene sooner** in the lives of those in need to provide support.

Who does this program serve?

- Adults, 18 years or older.
- Diagnosed with a Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders.
- Currently experiencing behaviors & symptoms associated with severe mental illness (SMI).
- Not clinically stabilized in on-going voluntary treatment.
- At least one of the following:
 - Unlikely to survive safely without supervision and condition is substantially deteriorating.
 - Needs Services & supports to prevent relapse or deterioration, leading to grave disability or harm to others.
- Participation in CARE Plan or Agreement is the least restrictive alternative.
- Likely to benefit from participating in a CARE Plan or Agreement.



Who can petition?

Family/Home

- Persons with whom respondent resides.
- Spouse, parent, sibling, adult child, grandparents, or another individual in place of a parent.
- Respondent (i.e. self petition)

Community

- First responder (e.g., firefighter, paramedic, mobile crisis response, homeless outreach worker)
- Director of a Hospital, or designee, in which the respondent is hospitalized.
- Licensed behavioral health professional, or designee treating respondent for mental illness.
- Director of a public /charitable organization providing behavioral health services or whose institution respondent resides.

County

- County behavioral health director, or designee
- Public Guardian or designee.
- Director of adult protective services or designee.

Tribal Jurisdiction

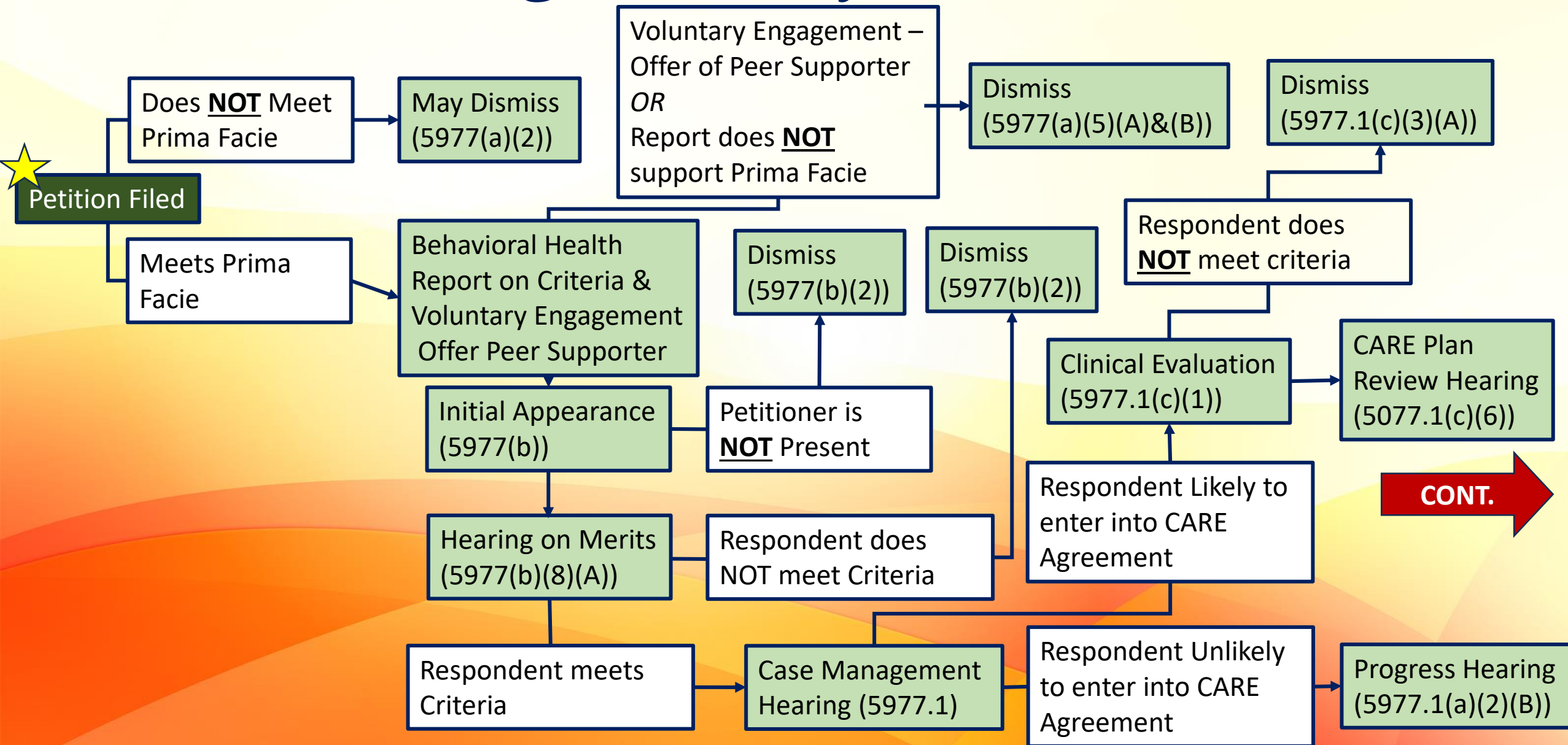
- Director of a California Indian health services program, California tribal behavioral health department, or designee.
- Judge of a tribal court located in CA, or designee.

How to file a petition?



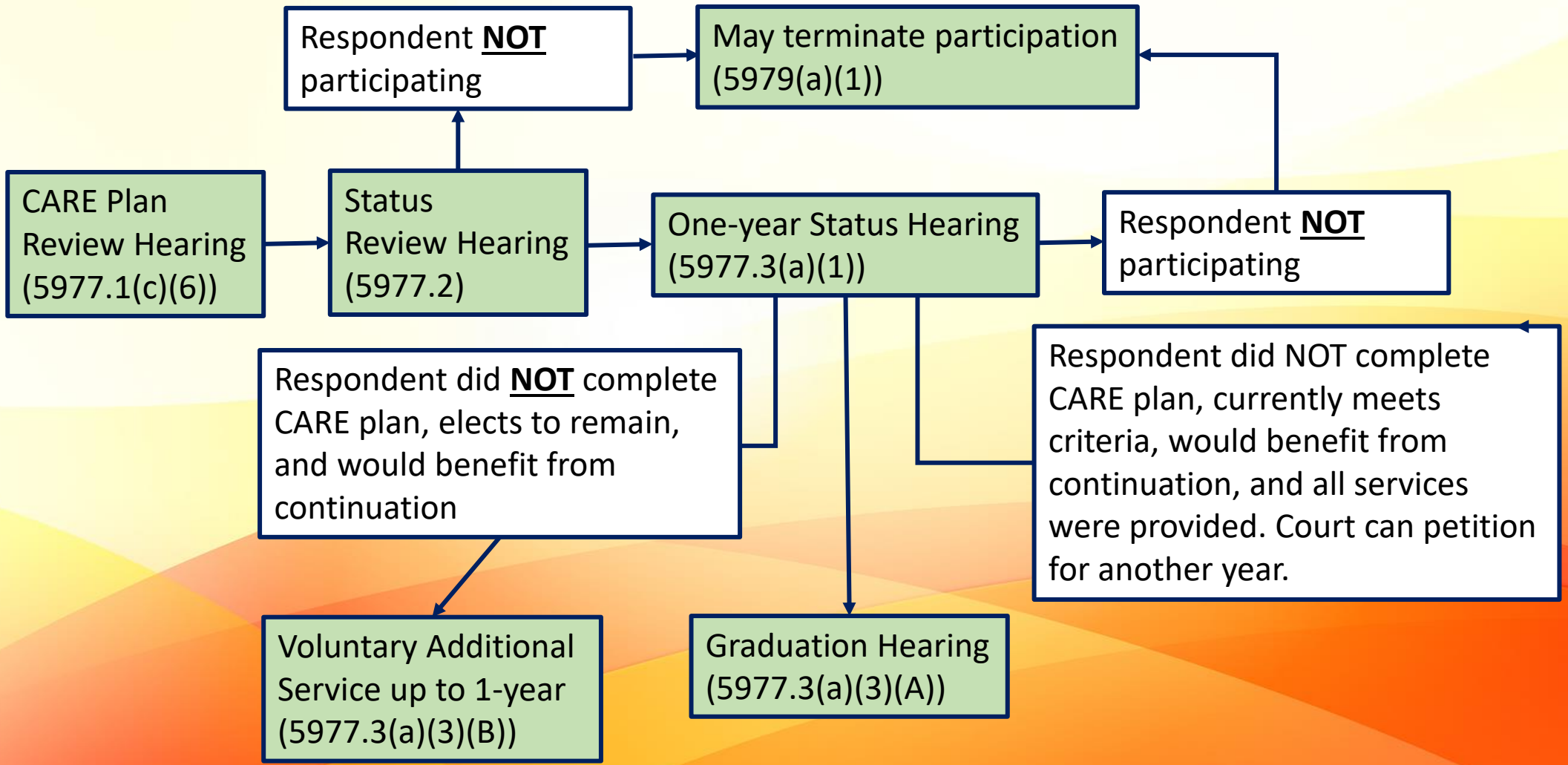
- Complete petition (CARE-100) – remember to fill out **ALL** requested information.
- **Additionally**, provide the required documentation.
 - Completed **Mental Health Declaration (CARE-101)** from licensed behavioral health provider **OR**;
 - Evidence the respondent was detained for a minimum of **TWO** periods of intensive treatment (**WIC 5250 holds**), the most recent episode being within the last **60 days**.

CARE in Orange County



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What is in a **CARE Agreement/Plan?**



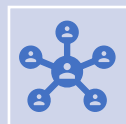
Behavioral Health Service



Medication Management



Housing Resources



Social Services & Supports



How is **CARE** Act **Different** From AOT?

CARE has a narrow list of mental illness diagnosis which qualifies.

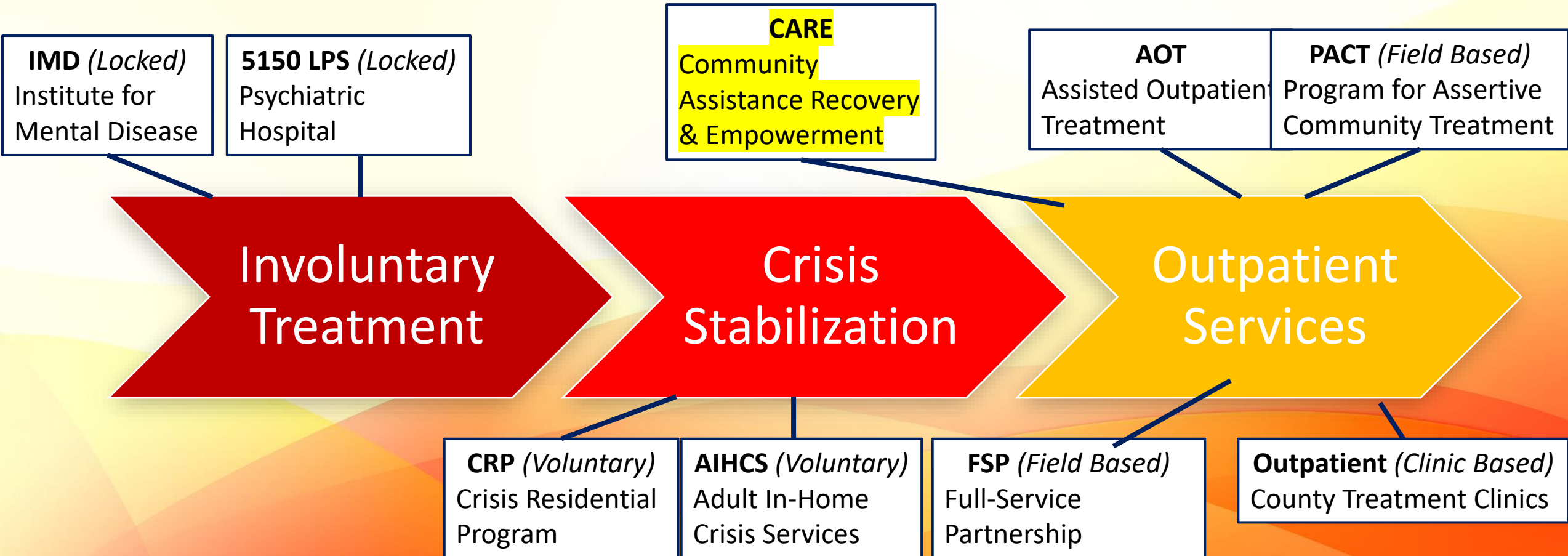
CARE has large list of qualifying petitioners. Care process begins with the Court.

CARE allows for a supporter to assist with treatment team and supportive decision making.

CARE duration is for one year (with a second year granted if necessary).

CARE will be available in every county statewide by 2025 – no matter the insurance plan.

Other **Orange County Programs** Available





855-OC LINKS
(855-625-4657)

Behavioral Health Services Line

 ***Navigator.org***

