

MARCHMAN ACT – BAKER ACT

RESEARCH GUIDE

OVERVIEW

Stewart-Marchman Act – Florida’s Substance Abuse Impairment Act provides assistance to individuals in need of emergency services and temporary detention due to substance abuse.

Baker Act – is a means of providing individuals with emergency services and temporary detention for mental health evaluation and treatment when required (often referred to as an Ex Parte Order).

RESOURCES IN THE VOLUSIA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

Listed below are some resources available at the Daytona Beach and DeLand branches:

- **Stewart-Marchman Act Forms** – Step 1: Petition and Affidavit Seeking Involuntary Assessment and/or Stabilization, and Step 2: The Petition for Involuntary Treatment
Access Center Number: 1-800-539-4228
- **Baker Act Forms** – (Ex Parte)– Petition and Affidavit Seeking Ex Parte Order Requiring Involuntary Examination
Court Liaison Contact Number: 386-236-1729

OTHER RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Listed below are additional resources and services available in Volusia County:

- [Stewart Marchman Act Website](#) – Additional Community Resources
- [Volusia County Clerk of Court](#) – Mental Health Services Information
- Department of Children and Family Services (DCF):
[Substance Abuse and Mental Health](#)
Phone: 1-866-762-2237
- [Mental Health America of East Central Florida](#)
531 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Phone: 386-252-5785 or 386-255-4491
- [SMA Patient and Family Resources](#)
The Family Education Program provides 12 educational sessions for family members. The family education program describes how addiction impacts the entire family and offers assistance. The goal is to provide information and guidance to families struggling to cope with the family impact of addictive disease.

NOTICE: This research guide is based on information gathered from the resources cited above. For more information on this or other legal topics visit the nearest branch of the Volusia County Law Library.

IF YOU ARE ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT INVOLVES YOUR CASE. Remember: Check with the Clerk of the Court for filing fees/court costs.