

Marchman Act & Baker Act

Research Guide

- Marchman Act – Florida's Substance Abuse Impairment Act - provides individuals in need of substance abuse services with emergency services and temporary detention for substance abuse evaluation and treatment.
- 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 Ex Parte Order).

General Information

- ▶ Stewart Marchman Act Behavior Healthcare 1-800-539-4228
- ▶ smabehavioral.org/BakerandMarchmanActsPage.html
- ▶ www.clerk.org/info/MentalHealth.html

◆ Statutes

Florida Statutes: Marchman Act §397.6811-6822
Baker Act §394.463
www.leg.state.fl.us

◆ Resources in the Law Library

The following forms are available at the Daytona Beach and DeLand Law Libraries:

- Marchman Act – Petition and Affidavit Seeking Involuntary Assessment and/or Stabilization
NOTE: If you are seeking a Petition for Treatment (the second step after Assessment/Stabilization), please contact the Stewart Marchman Act Court Liaison at 386-236-3234.
- Baker Act - Petition and Affidavit Seeking Ex Parte Order Requiring Involuntary Examination

◆ Online Resources

A Baker Act Handbook and a Marchman Act User Reference Guide are available for review online at www.smabehavioral.org.

◆ Other Services Available in Volusia and Flagler Counties

Department of Children and Family Services (DCF)

210 N. Palmetto Avenue, Daytona Beach 32114, Phone: (386) 238-4755 or 238-3100 or 238-4809
www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/samh/MentalHealth/amh.shtml

Mental Health Association of Volusia and Flagler Counties

531 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, 32114 Phone: (386) 252-5785 or 255-4491
www.mhavalusia.org

Family Education Program (FEP) - A 12-session support program is offered for:

- Those with an addiction
- Family members
- Others who have been affected by substance abuse and related problems

This free service is provided in association with the Stewart-Marchman Act.

Contact: VICTORIA KRESS at (386) 254-1241 or email vkress@smabehavioral.org for more information.

NOTE: The above contact number is for support sessions only. Call 1-800-539-4228 if you are filing or have questions about filing a Marchman Act petition.