

# BAKER ACT – MARCHMAN ACT

## RESEARCH GUIDE

### OVERVIEW

**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).

**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.

### 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:

- [Baker Act](#) – Department of Children and Families Mental Health Information
- [Marchman Act](#) – Department of Children and Families Substance Abuse Information
- [Volusia County Clerk of Court](#) – Mental Health, Risk Protection & Firearm Disabilities
- Department of Children and Family Services (DCF):  
[Substance Abuse and Mental Health](#)  
Phone: 1-866-762-2237
- [Mental Health America of East Central Florida](#)  
661 Beville Rd, Suite 114 &115  
South Daytona, Fl., 32119  
Phone: (386) 252-5785  
Email: info@mhavolusia.org

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**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.