

The community will be sending representatives from its civil courts, State's Attorney's Office, hospitals and behavioral health providers to participate in SAMHSA's regional Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) training. This program will address common barriers to AOT implementation, enable communities to learn from other jurisdictions that currently practice AOT and receive practical instruction on establishing and maintaining successful AOT programs. AOT programs provide flexibility in working with individuals who may need directed treatment. The ability to conduct some forms of treatment in an outpatient setting can provide a more productive environment for individuals and also provide relief to inpatient facilities. The training program also provides opportunities to forge useful connections, exchange insights and observations, and develop concrete action plans while addressing program challenges, strategies and goals.