

Loved One Suffering from a Drug or Alcohol Addiction?

Casey's Law
may be able
to help.



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I. Introduction

Casey's Law is a way to have someone court ordered to substance abuse treatment when they refuse to see their need for help.

If you have a friend or loved one that you believe

- 01 Suffers from a drug or alcohol addiction,
- 02 Presents an imminent risk of harm to themselves or others, and
- 03 Can benefit from treatment,

a Judge may order them to treatment for up to 360 days. However, since individual liberties are at stake, several steps and court proceedings are required. The entire process may take a week, and will require effort from you, but our Office is here to help.



II. Process

To start Casey's Law, you must file a petition to the District Court of the county in which the respondent resides. In the petition, you must state facts showing the respondent suffers from an addiction and presents a risk of harm. You may be required to testify to these facts but know that the proceedings are CLOSED to the public, and this is a civil not criminal proceeding. After an initial hearing upon the petition, if probable cause exists, the Judge

will order the respondent to be evaluated by a Doctor and Qualified Mental Health Professional. If the evaluations agree that the respondent suffers from an addiction, presents a risk of harm, and can benefit from treatment, the Judge may order them to treatment for up to 360 days. As the petitioner, you will be responsible for finding a treatment center for the respondent and could be responsible for the cost.

III. Contact Us

Casey's Law may be your LAST BEST CHANCE to get your friend or loved one the treatment they desperately need.

If you have questions about Casey's Law or want to discuss your situation, please call our office. We would be glad to speak with you.

Cade Foster

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