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# News

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## Community Mental Health Services

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#### **Macomb County Community Mental Health Receives Grant to Bolster Kevin's Law Services**

Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH) has received a \$25,000 grant from the Flinn Foundation to expand its services in Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), also known as Kevin's Law.

AOT came into effect in 2005 as a way for courts and community health agencies to help individuals who were unable to comply with prescribed medications, outpatient treatment or follow up or for those who were consistently readmitted to the hospital as a result of not following their outpatient treatment processes.

"We often see individuals who are unable or unwilling to comply with treatment," said Denise Arbaugh, director of Clinical Strategy Improvement at MCCMH. "This could be due to any mental health condition that basically makes it impossible to fully understand their need to comply with treatment."

In collaboration with the Macomb County Probate Court, the current MCCMH court liaison working with the court will provide training to mental health providers and hospitals with material designed to increase the use of AOT in Macomb County.

*The Ethel and James Flinn Foundation, headquartered in Detroit, is committed to improving the quality, scope and delivery of mental health services in Michigan.*

*Macomb County Community Mental Health is the public manager and provider of mental health, substance use and developmental disability treatment services in Macomb County. MCCMH programs and services are supported and funded, in part, by the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and are administered by the Macomb County Community Mental Health Board. Visit [www.mccmh.net](http://www.mccmh.net) or [Facebook](#) for more information.*

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