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Please note that Baker Act and Marchman Act cases are confidential. Photo identification is required to obtain information.

PETITIONS

Baker Act (Petition for Ex-Parte Order for Involuntary Examination). This may be filed by anyone (does not require more than one person and they do not have to be related) with firsthand knowledge of the behaviors that are making this person a threat to themselves or someone else. This petition cannot be filed to extend the stay of someone that is already under a Baker Act. This petition is NOT for substance abuse issues. There will be no hearing. The Court will enter an order either granting, or denying, based solely on the information provided by the petitioner. **There are no filing fees.** Petitioner must bring photo ID.

Respondent must be in Hillsborough County.

Marchman Act (Petition for Involuntary Treatment Services). For individuals who refuse voluntary treatment for drug and/or alcohol abuse. If the **respondent is an adult**, any individual with firsthand knowledge of the drug and/or alcohol abuse may file. If the **respondent is a minor**, the parent, legal guardian, or licensed service provider may file.

Every case will be set for court within 10 business days. You may request an Ex Parte Order or bring in a valid substance abuse assessment completed within the past 30 days. The Court will review the request for an Ex Parte within 24 hours.

At the hearing, the Respondent has the right to request legal representation and continue the hearing for witnesses to testify. If the judge determines that treatment is appropriate or the Respondent agrees to treatment, the Court will enter an order based on the recommendation. **Respondent must reside in Hillsborough County.**

FEES

There are no court fees associated with filing a petition. However, fees for treatment will be the responsibility of the Respondent. If the **Respondent is a juvenile**, the petitioner will be required to provide assistance in order to follow the court order. While providers offer a sliding fee scale, there will be costs associated with the treatment.

HELPFUL TELPHONE NUMBERS

Gracepoint and Children's Crisis Services Administrative Office (813) 272-2244

Florida Abuse Hotline (800) 962-2873

Hillsborough Abuse Hotline (crisis/alcohol) (813) 234-1234

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

In case of emergency: 911

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office: (813) 247-8200

Plant City Police: (813) 757-9200

Tampa Police: (813) 231-6130

Temple Terrace Police: (813) 989-7111