

Core Elements of an Effective AOT Program Check List

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Optimal use of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) requires significant collaboration between the civil court and the mental health system of care. When fully implemented and applied appropriately, an AOT program can reduce the prevalence of untreated mental illness and lead to improved outcomes for individuals with serious mental illness while at the same time reducing costs. Below is a list of what many believe to be the core elements of an effective program. To determine the level which reflects the current state of AOT in your county, check the appropriate box to the right.

	Stakeholders	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
1. Program has buy-in from key leadership	Mental Health Authority Director and Chief Clinical Officer					
	Attorney for the Authority					
	Probate Court Judge					
	Director of Outpatient Treatment					
	Director of Crisis Center/Psychiatric Emergency Department					
	Director of Inpatient Treatment					
	Sheriff/Law Enforcement					
	Peer/Family Advocate					
		Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always	Don't know
2. Representatives of key Stakeholders meet regularly	Organizational representatives meet at least once quarterly					
	All organizations are represented during regularly scheduled meetings					
		No	Yes	Don't know		
3. Agreed upon written policies, procedures and forms are in place						
		No	Yes	Don't know		
5. An assigned professional serves as the liaison between the treatment team and the court						
6. Patient outcomes, individual/family satisfaction, and gaps in resources are systemically tracked for purposed of program evaluation						
7. There are established methods for identifying and addressing gaps in resources and areas for improvement						