

TEXAS AOT COALITION

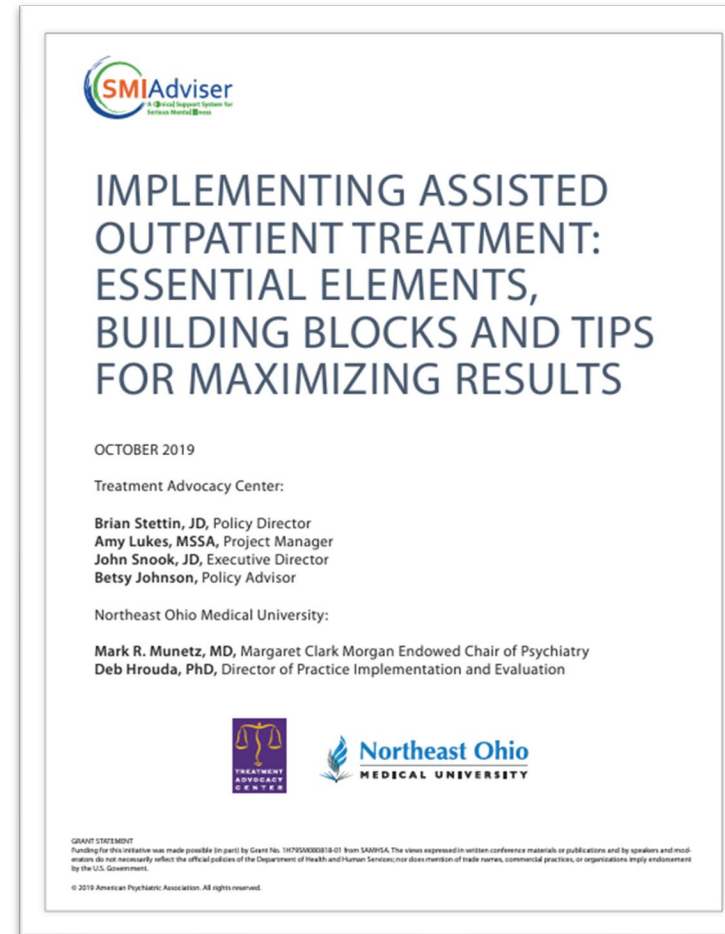
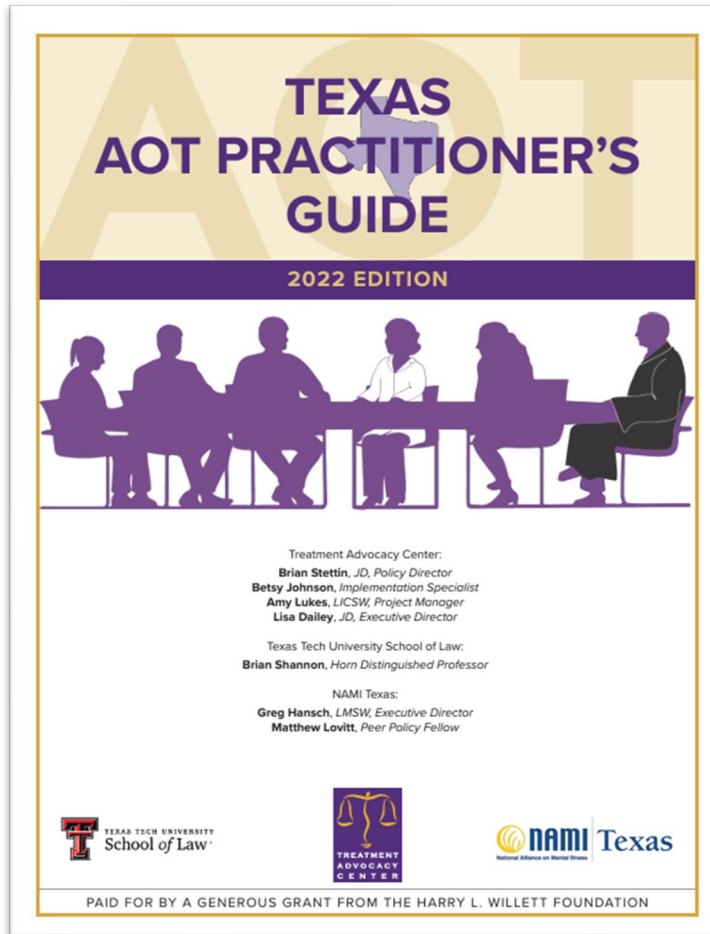
WHAT IS AN AOT PROGRAM?

An AOT Program is an organized, systematic effort within a mental health system to ensure that AOT will be made available to those who need it to live safely in the community.

The essential elements of an AOT program are to:

- 1. identify individuals** within the service area who appear to be persistently non-adherent with needed treatment for their mental illness and meet criteria for AOT under state law;
- 2. ensure that whenever such individuals are identified, the mental health system itself takes the initiative to gather the required evidence and petition the court for AOT**, rather than rely on community members to do so);
- 3. safeguard the due process rights of participants** at all stages of AOT proceedings;
- 4. maintain clear lines of communication between the court and the treatment team**, such that the court receives the clinical information it needs to exercise its authority appropriately and the treatment team is able to leverage the court's powers as needed;
- 5. provide evidence-based treatment services** focused on engagement and helping the participant maintain stability and safety in the community;
- 6. continually evaluate the appropriateness of the participant's treatment plan** throughout the AOT period, and **make adjustments** as warranted;
- 7. employ specific protocols to respond in the event that an AOT participant falters** in maintaining treatment engagement;
- 8. evaluate each AOT participant at the end of the commitment period to determine whether it is appropriate to seek renewal** of the commitment or allow the participant to transition to voluntary care;
- 9. ensure that upon transitioning out of the program, each participant remains connected to the treatment services** they continue to need to maintain stability and safety.

AOT COURTS



PARTICIPATING TEXAS COUNTIES

Tarrant

El Paso

Harris

Burnet

Webb

Travis

Parker

Dallas

Hidalgo

Bexar

Fort Bend

Lubbock

Johnson

Hood

Cameron

Stephens

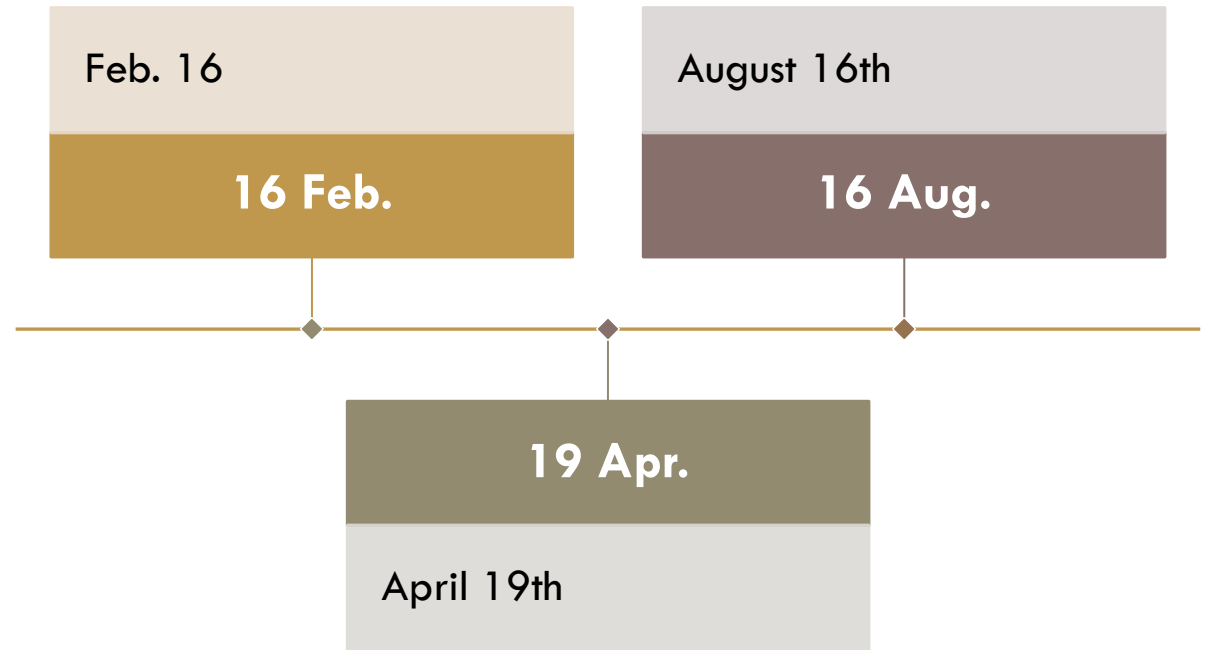


KICKOFF
MEETING
FRIDAY, FEB. 16TH
12PM-1PM

Judge Joseph Strelitz, Probate Court Associate Judge from El Paso, will be our guest speaker sharing his expertise and insight about his AOT Court



**VIRTUAL
MEETING DATES:
FRIDAYS AT 12**



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