

INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATION PROCESS

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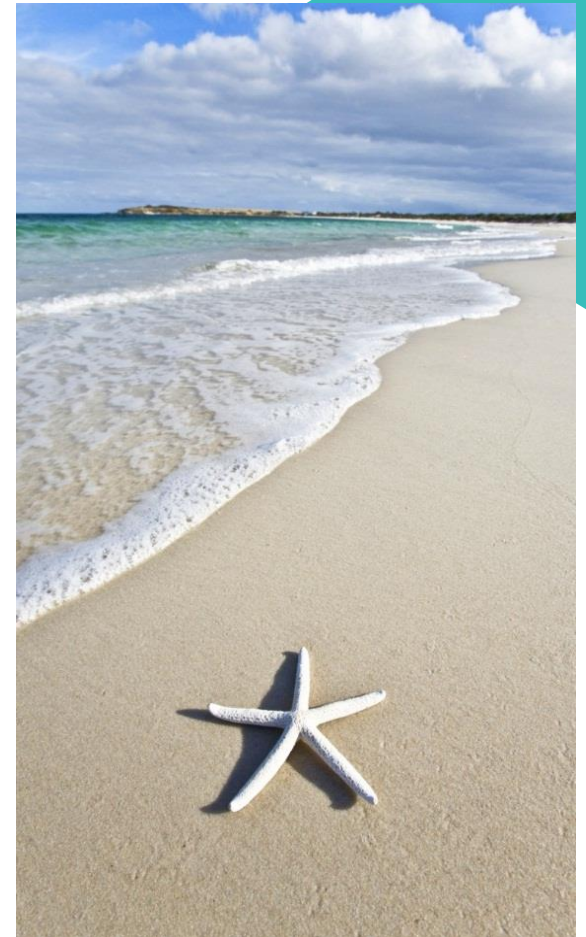
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WHAT IS AN INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATION?

The involuntary examination process may be initiated by a school professional. An individual may be taken to a receiving facility for involuntary examination under the Baker Act if there is reason to believe your student is in crisis. The Baker Act defines "involuntary examination" as an examination performed under sections 394.463, 397.6772, 397.679, or 397.6811, Florida Statutes (F.S.) to determine whether an individual qualifies for involuntary services. Once a Baker Act has been initiated, the individual must be examined by a mental health professional to determine if the criteria for involuntary services are met and to determine the appropriate course of action.

"STUDENT FIRST"



WHAT TO EXPECT?

First the student is interviewed by either a school counselor, school social worker or school designee. This is completed using an interview and a screening tool. If a student has been determined to be at imminent risk of harm, the student is transported by either a School Resource Officer (SRO) or the local police department. On arrival to a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), the student is met with a mental health professional. The established examination period is for up to 72 hours.



STUDENT RE-ENTRY PLANNING

The School Board of Brevard County, Florida wants to provide students with support on their return from a CSU. We meet with the parent(s) and student upon a student's return to help with a successful transition back to school. We welcome the parent's involvement in developing a plan to address concerns and identify strategies to support their student at school. These strategies include the following:

- Mental Health Counseling Support
 - School-Based
 - Community-Based
- Developing of a Re-entry/Safety Plan
- Academic Review & Support

