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**DOCUMENTARY ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS TREATMENT  
SET FOR SCREENING ON AUGUST 15**

Arlington VA – An estimated 7 million Americans suffer from severe mental illnesses like schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, but everyone is impacted by those who are too ill to seek or accept treatment and end up homeless, in jail or prison, or “housed” in an ER because they are in crisis and there’s no hospital bed available for them.

The Treatment Advocacy Center will show the documentary video, “Stopping the Revolving Door – A Civil Approach to Treating Severe Mental Illness” at 6 p.m. on August 21 to raise awareness of how court-ordered outpatient treatment can provide intervention before the consequences of non-treatment set in.

“There’s a lot of myth and misinformation about the role of mandated outpatient treatment can play in community mental health,” says Doris Fuller, communications director. “By showing assisted outpatient treatment at work, it addresses that confusion.”

Taped on location in Pennsylvania, Texas and Maryland, the video illustrates the impact of court-ordered treatment – or its absence – through the lives of three families.

“It’s one thing to read about how civil commitment saves the lives of people with crippling mental illness,” says Fuller. “It’s another to see the process in action in a courtroom and to watch individuals and families tell their own stories.”

The showing in the organization’s offices at 200 N. Glebe Road will be followed a panel discussion by a consumer who has received AOT, a family member and a judge who oversees AOT. Admission is free.

More information about the event is available from (contact person and phone or email). Information about assisted outpatient treatment is available on the Treatment Advocacy Center website at [TreatmentAdvocacyCenter.org](http://TreatmentAdvocacyCenter.org).