

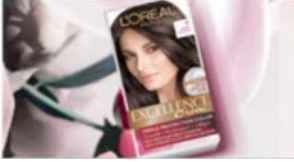


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# Maddox shares how he wants to add mental health resources



Democrat Maddox speaks about Mental Health plan

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MONTGOMERY, AL (WSFA) - Democratic gubernatorial candidate Walt Maddox stood in front of the closed-down Greil Memorial Psychiatric Hospital in Montgomery Monday afternoon. He shared how he would bring more mental health resources to the state if elected governor.

“Those who have been vulnerable by mental health illness have been forgotten about,” Maddox said.

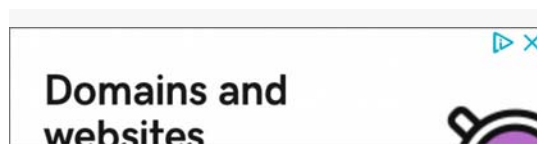
Montgomery County Probate Judge Steven Reed stood next to Maddox and shared the stories some families have because of the lack of resources in the state. Reed said many times there are not enough beds in mental health hospitals, leaving people at home instead of in a facility.

“It’s a major problem not having enough beds in this community and around the state,” said Reed. “We may have families that essentially have to lock themselves in a bedroom.”

He said families take these measures because a loved one may be having a “spell” or exhibiting symptoms of mental illness.

“I’d hate to see them have to lock a loved one out of the house or maybe allow someone to sleep in the car in the driveway because they are afraid of what they might do,” Reed said.

Scenarios like these he said happens nearly every week.





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