Community Supervision and Support

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Agenda

• Introductions
• Family Drug Courts- A National Look
• Community Supervision and Support- Overall Goals
• Denver CAM Site- Family Integrated Drug Court
• PLC Site- Chatham County Juvenile Court
• Questions and Discussion
• Resources

Community Supervision and Support

• What does this look like?
• Do we really need it in Family Drug Court?
• What are the challenges?
• Do you have a plan in place to conduct home visits?
• How can we be sure to do it right?
Learning Objectives for Today

• How can parents and children in FDCs be supported through effective community supervision and support services?
• Understand two different approaches from Denver and Chatham County
• Discuss how your community can implement some of these strategies

Family Drug Courts - A National Look

Family Drug Courts - Nationwide

Source: National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) Survey, 2010
HIGHER TREATMENT COMPLETION RATES

SHORTER TIME IN FOSTER CARE

HIGHER FAMILY REUNIFICATION RATES

LOWER TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

FEWER NEW CPS PETITIONS AFTER REUNIFICATION

COST SAVINGS PER FAMILY

Justice Initiative for Drug Endangered Families

One community’s effort to protect children, support parental treatment, and increase community safety

- Lilas Rajaee
  Denver, Colorado
Scope of the Problem

- 1 in 10 children who remained in their homes had primary caregivers who had been on probation at some time as an adult
- As a point of comparison, only 1 in 100 had primary caregivers who had been incarcerated

The Justice Initiative for Drug Endangered Families (JIDEF)

This initiative recognizes that all systems play an overlapping role in supporting children and families while keeping the community safe.

JIDEF – Specific Aims

The initiative seeks to provide opportunities for:

- Parental substance abuse recovery
- Child and family well-being
- Prevention of child maltreatment, and
  - Reduced child welfare involvement & out of home placement when appropriate.
- Lower rates of criminal recidivism
- Cost savings

Overall Approach of the Partnership

The Denver/TASC Law Enforcement Advocate Program (LEA Program)
The Importance of Law Enforcement for DEF

“Police Matter to Children”*

However they may feel about police, good or bad, they watch every move, and remember what they see.

*NCTSN/CDCP

The Impact of the LEA program on CAM and FIDC

- Why was LEA implemented in CAM and FIDC?
- What have been the specific benefits to these programs?
- What have been the challenges?

Law Enforcement Advocate Program

- Training
  - Motivational interviewing
  - Stages of change
  - Signs and symptom of trauma
  - Ride alongs
  - Drug endangered children
Law Enforcement Advocate Program

- Fit
  - Empathetic
  - Motivated for client
  - Positive
  - Dedicated

Positive Aspects of the LEA Program for Officers

- High job satisfaction as a LEA
- Direct change in client
- Involved beginning to end
- Unique opportunity

Positive Aspects of the LEA Program for Clients and their Families

“It’s nice to know someone else cares about my life”

“My cop”

Positive Aspects of the LEA Program for Clients and their Families

- Advocate, mentor, coach, barrier
- Increased accountability
- Better understanding and respect for LE
- Resources provided by the collaboration
An Increase in Public Safety and Child Protection

The invisible victims of drug endangered families are:
› identified
› protected
› engaged
› treated

And the generational cycle of drug abuse and mistrust of law enforcement is interrupted

An Increase in Public Safety and Child Protection

› Reduced calls for service
› Improved perception of the police
› Innovative problem oriented policing
› Identify illegal activity
› Timely and focused response

LEA Program

A central, distinguishing principle of the Denver program is the intensive and on-going nature of the relationship between officer and client/family
Building Relationships through Community Policing

Chatham County FDTC
Jean N. Cottier

Developing Community Policing (CP)
- Identified the need
- Secured funding
- Selected and trained CP Coordinator:
  - Integrated CP into team
  - Co-developed role and policy

Community Policing Coordinator
Ron Robinson

The Purpose
- Eyes and ears of the team
- Funding requirement
- Accountability to community
- Ensuring sobriety
- Providing safety
- Supporting clients

Drug Courts where Law Enforcement is a member of the drug court team had 88% greater reductions in recidivism

Note 1: Difference is significant at p<.05
The role of the Community Policing Team is to report the results of all activities of the community policing staff to include:
- positive and negative observations made during weekly visits
- results of drug tests
- findings of any searches
- conditions of the participants
- conditions in the home
- any other information deemed relevant to the family’s continued success.

- Pool of 10 deputies
- 4 females, 4 males and 2 K9 deputies
- 1-2 visits per week
- 4 hours or more
- Submit written reports to CP Coordinator

✓ Appropriateness of the environment
✓ Progress
✓ Accomplishments
✓ Indications of Drugs or Alcohol use
✓ Weapons
✓ Co-habitation
✓ Curfew violations (if applicable)
✓ Residential/Address violations

✓ Team Training
✓ Substance Abuse Training
✓ Community Policing:
  * NADCP webinar: The Role of Community Supervision in DWI and DUI Courts
✓ Drug Testing:
  * NDCI video: Fundamental Components of A Successful Drug Testing Program
  * Intoximeter Procedures
  * Onsite drug testing
✓ Families and Substance Abuse:
  * CFF: What You Need to Know About Child Well-Being and Serving Children in FDCs
**Equipment**

- Contracts
- Policy
- Paperwork
- Notebook for reporting
- Hand sanitizer
- Bug Spray
- Bug killer
- Masks
- Camera
- Non-powdered gloves
- On-site test kits
- Oral test kits
- Breathalyzer
- Bluing tablets
- Temperature strips
- Watch
- Send off packaging

**Community Policing: OBJECTIVES**

- Encourage compliance
- Maintain safety
- Work as a unit
- Train as a team
- Build relationships

**Community Policing: Relationship Building**

- Mentor
- Motivator
- Coach

**Timing is Everything**

- Number of visits
- Best time to visit
- Randomness
- Additional visits
- Curfew checks
- Double backs
Drug Courts Where Law Enforcement attends court sessions had 64% Higher Cost Savings

Note: Difference is significant at $p<.05$

Challenges
- Family members, live-ins, and visitors
- Backgrounds and additional releases
- Dealing with dangerous situations
- Law violations
- Gender responsiveness
- UDS send offs
- Nosy neighbors

Live-In Waiver

I will not possess any alcohol, any illegal drugs, or any weapons while residing with a member of the Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC). I understand that that the FDTC client has put Recovery and their children first and it is their goal to have a safe and appropriate environment in which to raise children. I agree to uphold their commitment to an alcohol-, drug-, or weapon-free environment that is appropriate, safe, and family friendly. ...I also freely and voluntarily agree to waive my right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures and to submit to a search of my person, house, papers, vehicles and/or effects as those terms of the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Georgia Constitution are defined by the Court, any time of the day or night, whenever requested to do so by a Community Policing officer. The search may include random observed drug and alcohol testing, at any time upon request. I further understand that anything seized as evidence may be used in any proceeding against me. This waiver shall only be applicable so long as I reside with a member of the FDTC.

Results
- “Community policing was the thing that I did not want at first, but the one thing that helped me the most in the end.”
- “I always felt supported…it was nice to have someone check on me.”
- “…community policing played a major role in the success of my family and I today and I would like to thank every member of Deputy Robinson’s Team.”
- “Joe (child) loved to talk about his day to the deputy. JB (child) loved to see the “pow-pow” on their hips and see the dogs....”
Maintaining Relationships

Questions & Discussion

Family Drug Court- TTA Program and Resources

FDC TTA Program Mission

To improve outcomes for children and families by providing training and technical assistance (TTA) that develops, maintains, and enhances Family Drug Courts (FDCs)
Goals of the Program

- To assess and address the national TTA needs of FDCs
- To develop, implement and enhance TTA materials and activities
- To build FDC capacity
- To enhance the knowledge and skills of FDC professionals

Types of TA Products

- Collaborative practice and policy tools
- Information and sharing of models
- Expert consultation and research
- Monographs, white papers, fact sheets
- Training resources and materials
- Longer-term strategic planning and development of protocols and practice models

Training and Staff Development

NCSACW Online Tutorials

3. Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment and Family Recovery: A Guide for Legal Professionals

Please visit: http://www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov/

Evaluation Technical Assistance

- Data collection
- Performance assessment
- Instrumentation
- Data systems
- Data linkages
- Information sharing
FDC Learning Academy
2010 launched
23 webinars
46 hours of content
45 expert presenters
1646 attendees
45 States
4.3 satisfaction rating

FDC Learning Academy 2013
Knowledge Sharing Community

August 14- So Who Are You Really Serving? The Challenge of Serving Special Populations in FDCs

September 11- Raising the Bar in FDCs – A Look at FDC Guidelines

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• Presenter info
• Learning resources
• Post a follow-up question

www.familydrugcourts.blogspot.com
FDC Recommendations

**Shared Outcomes**

- **Agency Collaboration**
  - Interagency Partnerships
  - Information Sharing
  - Cross System Knowledge
  - Funding & Sustainability

- **Client Services**
  - Early Identification & Assessment
  - Needs of Adults
  - Needs of Children
  - Community Support

**Shared Mission & Vision**

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Peer Learning Court Program

- Highlight national best practice models for FDC
- Exchange learning through peer-to-peer technical assistance
- Five (5) mentorship sites across the nation

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**CONNECT WITH A PEER LEARNING COURT**

- PLC Profiles
- Shared Resources
  - Policy and Procedures
  - Parent Handbooks
  - Training Materials
- Virtual Consultation
- On-Site Visits

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A SITE VISIT:
Email: PeerLearningCourts@cffutures.org
Request a Site Visit

• Complete the Site Visit Request Form available online http://www.cffutures.org/projects/family-drug-court-peer-learning-court-program

• CFF will contact you and assist with assessing your need and identifying the best PLC match

• Support with scheduling, coordinating and material production will be provided

RESOURCES
Please visit our website:
http://www.cffutures.org
http://ncsacw.samhsa.gov/

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