



Oklahoma

Family Drug Courts:

Engaging and

Empowering Families

Agenda

May 10, 2016
Embassy Suites
2501 Conference Dr.
Norman, Oklahoma 73069



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9:00 – 9:10 am

Welcome and Introductions

Presenters: Teresa Croom, Manager of Adolescent & Family Co-occurring Service ODMHSAS

Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:10 – 10:30 am

The Big Seven – Key Ingredients for an Effective Family Drug Court

Presenter: Phil Breitenbucher, Children and Family Futures; Theresa Lemus, Children and Family Futures, Judge Karen Adam (ret)

With over 300 FDCs now in operation across the nation, FDC outcomes have shown significantly higher rates of parents' participation in substance use disorder treatment, longer stays in treatment, higher rates of family reunification, less time for children in foster care, and decreased incidence of repeat maltreatment and return to out-of-home care compared to non-family drug court participants (Marlowe & Carey, 2012). FDCs are able to achieve these outcomes through several common practices or ingredients. This presentation will explore the Big Seven – system of identifying families; timely access to assessment and treatment services; enhanced case management and recovery support; improved family services and focus on parent-child relationships; increased judicial oversight, contingency management, and collaborative approach and efficient information sharing. This presentation will explore the barriers and challenges that FDC teams have encountered in implementing these ingredients as well as the innovative solutions that were formulated to ensure effective practice.

10:30 – 11:30 am

Breakouts by FDC Team

Facilitator: Phil Breitenbucher, Children and Family Futures; Theresa Lemus, Children and Family Futures; Judge Karen Adam (ret)

During this break out you will explore strategies to identify and engage participants early in the dependency case process, use screening and assessment to determine the needs and strengths of parents, children and families and identify the most appropriate treatments and other services based on these needs and strengths. This session will include discussion about the role of each partner as well as the importance of judicial leadership.

As a result of this discussion, you will have time to work with your team to determine how your current practices align with FDC best practices and the mission and vision of your FDC. As a team, develop or examine your mission and vision statement, target population and shared outcomes.

11:30 – 12:30 am

Lunch (on your own)

Judicial Officers: Judges are encouraged to participate in the judicial luncheon with a National FDC Judicial consultant to engage in networking and discipline specific discussion.

Family Drug Court Teams: FDC teams are encouraged to continue discussion over lunch.

12:30 – 1:15 pm

Screening and Assessment for Family Engagement

Presenter: Phil Breitenbacher, Children and Family Futures; Theresa Lemus, Children and Family Futures, Judge Karen Adam (ret.)

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1:15 – 2:00 pm

Breakouts by FDC Team

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As a result of the presentation, you will have time to work with your team to conduct a system walk through to discuss your current identification, screening and assessment process. Conversation will explore strategies to improve your identification process including discussion around universal screening and matching services to need. As a team, you will have the opportunities to examine how your FDC interacts with other initiatives within your jurisdiction and explore opportunities for alignment.

2:00 – 2:15 pm

Break

2:15 – 3:00 pm

Access to Quality Treatment and Supporting Families through Reunification

Presenter: Phil Breitenbacher, Children and Family Futures; Theresa Lemus, Children and Family Futures, Judge Karen Adam (ret)

This presentation will explore ways the collaborative can use screening and assessment information to ensure that parents and families have timely access to appropriate treatment and other services. Discussion will explore the impact of parental substance use on the on the parent-child relationship and the essential service components needed to address these issues, including ensuring quality visitation and contact, implementation of evidence-based services inclusive of parent education, therapeutic services and access to ongoing family recovery support. Attendees will learn different program designs use across the nation including the timing and phasing of reunification, family maintenance supervision and case termination.

3:45 – 3:45 pm

Breakouts by FDC Team

Facilitator: Phil Breitenbacher, Children and Family Futures; Theresa Lemus, Children and Family Futures; Judge Karen Adam (ret)

As a result of the presentation, you will have time to work with your team to determine how your FDC ensures families have access to quality treatments. Conversation will explore strategies to match services to needs and strategies used to prepare families for successful reunification. As a team, you will have the opportunities to examine how your FDC interacts with other initiatives within your jurisdiction and explore opportunities for alignment.

3:45 – 4:15 pm

Report out

Teams will have the opportunity to report on the work they have accomplished throughout the day and the action items identified. During this

time FDC teams will have the opportunity to network and learn from other FDCs across the state and access additional technical support by the facilitators

4:15 – 4:30 pm

Wrap-Up Discussion and TTA Resource Review

Facilitator: Theresa Lemus, Children and Family Futures

Discussion will address any additional questions the FDC teams may have and explore any common themes identified by the facilitators throughout the day. The facilitator will review training and technical resources available to the FDC teams through the National FDC Training and Technical Assistance Program.

STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

HONORABLE JUDGE KAREN ADAM, RET

Judge Adam retired from the bench in November 2015 after 34 years of service as a Tucson City Court Magistrate, a Superior Court Commissioner, and a Superior Court Judge. She presided over pre-conviction felony drug court from 2005-2007, and over Family Treatment Drug Court from 2007-2011.

Judge Adam served as an Arizona Superior Court judge in Pima County, Arizona (Tucson) from 2010-2015. As the Presiding Judge of the Pima County Juvenile Court from 2011-2014, she was responsible for 500 employees, including 14 judicial officers, a \$32,000,000.00 budget, and an on-site detention facility. During her term, Judge Adam led major juvenile justice reform efforts, including un-shackling children for court hearings, developing a tool for measuring and reducing disproportionate minority contact (DMC), and implementing detention alternatives through the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI.)

Judge Adam is a member of the Self-Represented Litigants Network, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), and the Arizona and National Chapters of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. While serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the NCJFCJ, Judge Adam chaired the Juvenile and Family Law Department Advisory Committee and co-chaired the Diversity Committee. She remains active in the NCJFCJ as a co-chair of the Curriculum Committee and member of the Legislative Committee.

Judge Adam has lectured nationally and internationally on self-represented litigation, family violence, trauma, alternatives to detention, and the rights of children in court. She has been on the faculty of the National Judicial College since 2007.

PHIL BREITENBUCHER, MSW

Phil Breitenbucher serves as the Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Family Drug Court Technical Assistance Program at Children and Family Futures. His primary areas of responsibility include management of the FDC TTA program, serving as Project co-Director for the SAMHSA Children Affected by Methamphetamine (CAM) grant program, serving as Project Director of the Doris Duke Charitable and Duke Endowment Prevention and Family Recovery project and serving as a TAT consultant to states and communities through the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare and OJJDP projects.

Mr. Breitenbucher has over 15 years of experience in the management of public child welfare and community-based prevention services, including the implementation and management of three FDC sites, four Family Resource Centers as well as various prevention, diversion and early intervention programs. His management and leadership skills are reflected in several accomplishments, including the completion of a National TAT needs assessment for FDCs and the development of quality workshops and plenary sessions on FDCs. Mr. Breitenbucher manages the design and implementation of an effective TAT model, utilizing a wide range of computer-based and communications technologies, including a virtual learning community comprised of 29 webinars and a blog that allows participants to dialogue with experts and peers. He also works with national experts and State FDC Coordinators on the development of FDC Guidelines and Mentor Courts.

Mr. Breitenbucher received his Master of Social Work from California State University, San Bernardino, his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from California Baptist University and a Certificate in Addiction and Recovery from Light University.

THERESA A. LEMUS, MBA, BSN, LADC

Ms. Theresa Lemus has over 25 years of professional experience administering and providing direct clinical services in the Health and Human Services field, including physical and behavioral healthcare. Ms. Lemus is a Registered Nurse, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a prior administrator for a non-profit treatment organization. Ms. Lemus has considerable knowledge and experience in program management, cross system collaboration, integrated service delivery, program and resource development, persuasive and technical writing, needs assessment and planning, research, evaluation, policy analysis, facilitation, coaching and consensus building. She has extensive experience working with multidisciplinary teams, problem-solving courts and collaborative practice programs. She communicates effectively and draws upon expansive knowledge of substance use and mental health services, health care, child welfare and the courts to provide the highest quality support to States and localities. Ms. Lemus is skilled in onsite facilitation and is proficient in the use of technologies, public speaking and presentations. Currently a Senior Program Associate and Change Leader for Children and Family Futures, Inc., Theresa works under the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) Statewide Systems Reform Program and the Prevention and Family Recovery (PFR) Program funded by the Duke Foundation Charitable Trust.