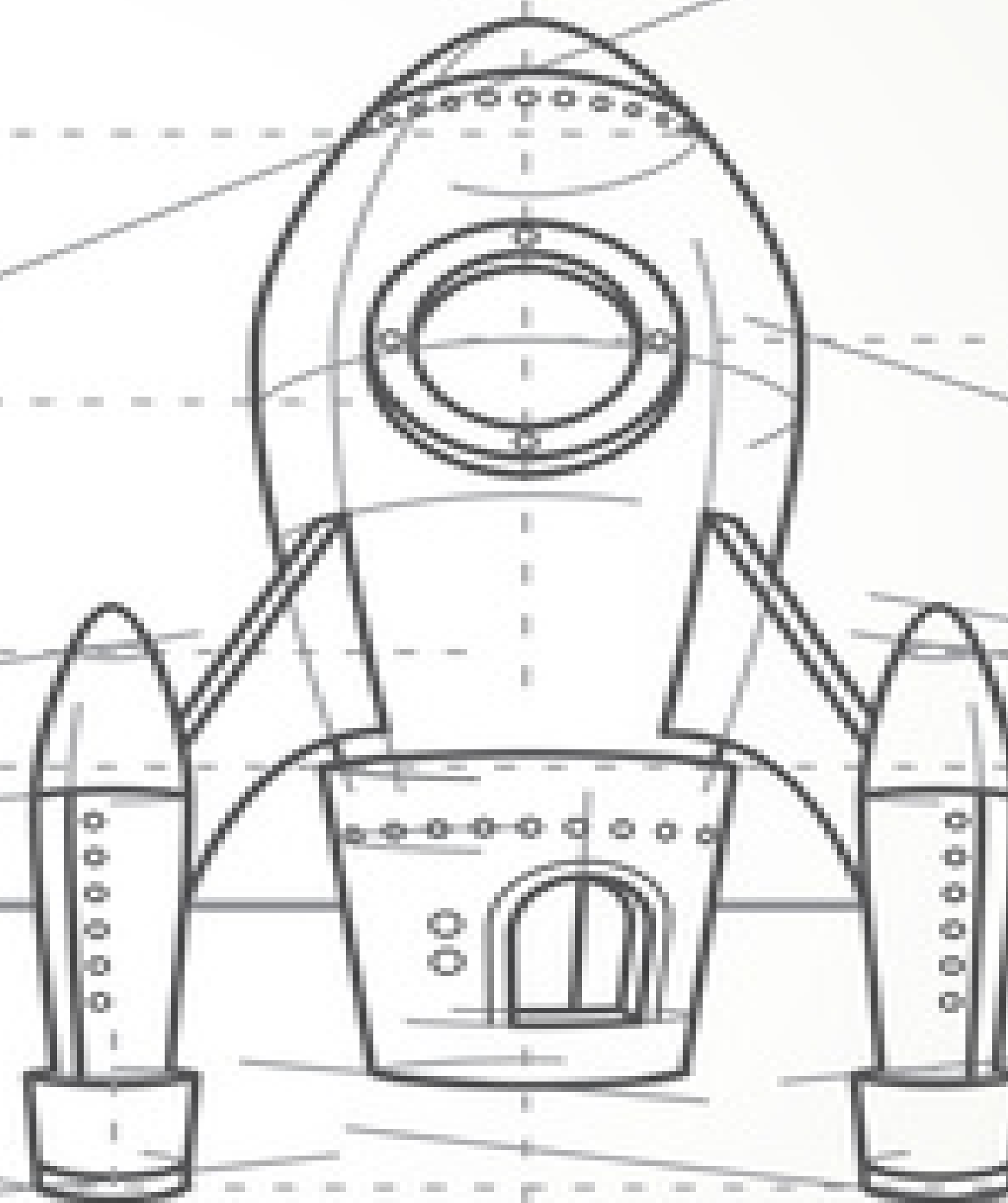


ACTION GUIDE



READY SET GO!

LAUNCHING YOUR FAMILY DRUG COURT



Here are some suggested steps so you can take what you have learned and put it into action. On the back, you will find a Technical Assistance (TA) Resource to support you taking this step.

MAKE YOUR CASE WITH DATA

GATHER KEY DATA TO
ESTABLISH THE NEED
FOR AN FDC

MAP YOUR COMMUNITY

IDENTIFY KEY
RESOURCES AND
SERVICES AVAILABLE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

1



2

3

ESTABLISH STRUCTURE

BUILD A MULTI-AGENCY
MULTI-LEVEL FOUNDATION
FOR SUCCESS

4

BE A CONSUMER OF QUALITY TREATMENT

SO YOU CAN REFER YOUR
PARTICIPANTS WITH
CONFIDENCE

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VISIT AN FDC

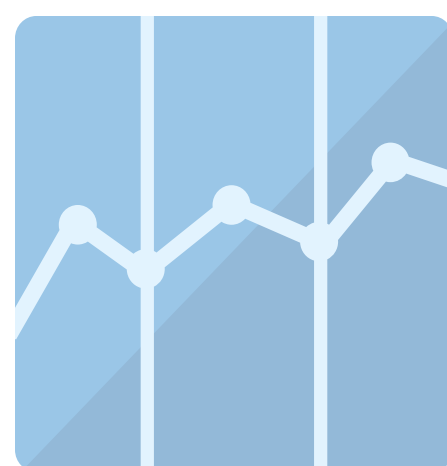
NOTHING IS MORE
INSTRUCTIVE THAT SEEING
AN FDC IN ACTION

TAKE A NEXT STEP

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MAKE YOUR CASE WITH DATA

TA Resource:
Family Treatment Guide (2018) -
Worksheet 2



Here's a start - Gather or compute:

- Number of abuse and neglect cases filed in your jurisdiction annually
- Percentage of total child welfare cases filed included substance use as a factor?
- Percentage of parents affected by substance use re-enter the dependency court system ?

MAP YOUR COMMUNITY

TA Resource: Family Treatment Court
Planning Guide (2018) - Worksheet 3



Your program will only be as strong as your partners. By taking an inventory and mapping out the available resources, you will begin to identify critical gaps in services and identify specific agencies that have not been part of the planning process but are essential for children and families.

ESTABLISH STRUCTURE

TA Resource: Prevention & Family
Recovery Brief #3 - Leadership &
Governance



Aside from the core Planning Team, you will need to establish an Operational Team and at the very least a Steering Committee. This structure will help you organize and sustain the work, identify and develop leaders, and ensure cross-system and multi-level buy-in.

BE A CONSUMER OF QUALITY TREATMENT

TA Resource: Quality Treatment
Discussion Guide (National Center on
Substance Abuse and Child Welfare)



Do you know what quality treatment looks like? Equip yourself with questions to ask local substance use disorder treatment providers to ensure that FDC participants have timely access to appropriate and effective services.

VISIT AN FDC

Contact National FDC TTA Program -
fdc@cffutures.org



Do you want to visit an FDC who is doing excellent work and willing to pass on their knowledge and lessons? Contact us if you need assistance in locating a nearby FDC or interested in visiting a nationally recognized program. The FDC Peer Learning Court Program has awarded 8 FDCs each of whom has demonstrated model practice. In addition to sharing their program and planning materials, they host onsite visits so teams can see them in action.

Contact us @ fdc@cffutures.org for more information about these and other resources



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