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

**TAKE A NEXT STEP**

1. **ESTABLISH STRUCTURE**
Build a multi-agency multi-level foundation for success

2. **VISIT AN FDC**
Nothing is more instructive that seeing an FDC in action

3. **BE A CONSUMER OF QUALITY TREATMENT**
So you can refer your participants with confidence

4. **LAUNCHING YOUR FAMILY DRUG COURT**
Visit an FDC

5. **READY SET GO!**
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TAKE A NEXT STEP

MAKE YOUR CASE WITH DATA

MAP YOUR COMMUNITY

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

BE A CONSUMER OF QUALITY TREATMENT
TA Resource: Quality Treatment Discussion Guide (National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare)

VISIT AN FDC
Contact National FDC TTA Program - fdc@cffutures.org

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?

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.

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.

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.

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.

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