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Welcome RISE19

On behalf of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) and Children and Family Futures (CFF), we welcome you to RISE19—the world’s largest conference on substance use disorders, mental health, and the justice system. This year the NADCP celebrates 30 years of treatment courts! NADCP and CFF have accomplished amazing things together. We are particularly excited about the upcoming release of the Family Treatment Court (FTC) Best Practice Standards, which reflect the maturation of FTCs over the past 25 years.

NADCP is proud to partner with CFF to produce this conference Family Treatment Court Track: Better Together. Although primarily focused for those working in FTCs, this conference track is open to anyone who wants to learn how to serve children and families in any drug court setting. We believe that relationships matter, and that adult recovery and child well-being can only be achieved in the context of family relationships. We hope you find this Children and Families Program a valuable resource as you plan your conference experience.

We have selected the theme “Better Together” as a way to highlight the importance of relationships and partnerships. We believe that children and parents are best served in the context of families and their communities. Similarly, we also believe that no single agency or program can meet the complex and multiple needs of families effectively and in sustainable ways without leveraging the resources of the larger community.

If you attend any of the 13 sessions in the FTC track, you will be challenged to work better together in renewed ways. You will learn how your FTC can engage foster parents as a valuable resource and how health care providers can help you plan for the safe care of infants. The spirit of working together is intentionally infused throughout the FTC program.

We honor each of you this week, knowing this work is not easy. But you answer your calling by rising up every day to deliver hope in your communities. Thank you for all you do.

And we also honor those who do the hard personal work of recovery. Oftentimes, this means just simply showing up for group or court that day. Drug court participants are some of the bravest people we will ever get to meet. They rise up from the most difficult life situations to become the person they’ve always wanted to be.

We hope during the next few days you will meet someone or learn something that will profoundly change you. Take a quiet moment and remind yourself how incredibly blessed we are to be here and do this amazing work together. Have a great conference!
It’s an exciting time to be part of the Family Treatment Court (FTC) movement. First, the upcoming release of the FTC Best Practice Standards is an important achievement as it represents accumulated knowledge of over 25 years of practice experience and scholarly research. From the first programs established in Reno and Florida in 1994 to over 500 programs across the nation (and territories) today, FTCs are helping to lead the way toward meaningful cross-system collaboration and improving outcomes for children and families. Initially a laboratory for change testing strategies from the adult drug court model, FTCs are now recognized as an effective approach that respond to the unique treatment and parenting needs of families involved in the child welfare system.

The FTC movement, however, will not be sustained if our individual programs operate separately beside unchanged child welfare, court, and treatment systems. To realize their full potential, FTCs must be a catalyst for larger systems change within these agencies. Fortunately, FTC leaders are forging important partnerships with state and federal agencies to improve not only systems, but also how families experience these systems. What happens to families is our bottom line. That’s why we do this work in the first place.

We believe FTCs can play a critical role in helping partner agencies achieve their visions for change. Family treatment courts can:

- Demonstrate how families can be identified, assessed, and connected to quality treatment in a timely and coordinated manner.
- Provide a more equitable experience for families in the dependency court system and more therapeutic for those who suffer from addiction and trauma.
- Lead the way for attorneys to advocate for their clients by redefining what active lawyering really means for children and their parents.
- Change the way communities think about these families, by shopping better results than today’s system, not only by changing the rules, but also changing the narrative about how we think about families’ futures.

There are exciting opportunities ahead to work better together. Make sure you visit the Children and Family Futures exhibit table, grab one of our cool “Better Together” buttons and engage with our staff and your peers at one of our sessions to learn more.
When service members are deployed, members of their family also serve. They are also affected when their veteran returns home after serving. When a veteran is affected by trauma and substance use disorders (estimates indicate one-third of all veterans are), the family is affected as well. Co-occurring mental health disorders such as post-traumatic stress, brain injuries, and other consequences of military service and/or deployment may result in some of these families being referred to child protective services or family violence caseloads in response to incidents within the family.

A collaborative approach among child and adult service providers, including the FTC model, can be helpful in serving the needs of the whole family. Here are some key questions for your FTC Team to consider:

- How do you identify veterans during your intake?
- Do you refer veterans to the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC)?
- Do you see a need to link your FTC with the VTC?
- Do you want to receive Technical Assistance on how to identify, engage, and retain veterans in treatment courts?

Family treatment courts are about all families. Let’s not forget all those who have served our country. Let’s work together so we can do better for veteran and military families.

For more information, please contact Dr. Larisa Owen at Children and Family Futures, (714) 505-3525.
Raising the Bar

Family Treatment Court
Best Practice Standards

What You Need to Know About the Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards (SB-5)

Attend the Skill Building Session!
Sunday, July 14th at 9:15 am
Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards

The development of the Family Treatment Court (FTC) Best Practice Standards was a collaborative effort between national organizations, content experts, and federal agencies. These FTC Standards represent the accumulated knowledge of over 20 years of practice experience and scholarly research. Each of the standards are designed to be directive and measurable and are intended to guide practitioners, researchers, policy makers, and the community to effectively work with families with substance use, mental health, and co-occurring conditions. The following are descriptions and the provisions of each of the FTC Standards.

1 Organization and Structure

The FTC has agreed upon structural and organizational principles that are supported by research and based on evidence-informed policies, programs, and practices. The core programmatic components, day-to-day operations, and oversight structures are defined and documented in the FTC policy and procedures manual, participant handbook, and a memoranda of understanding.

Provisions:
- Multi-disciplinary and multi-systemic collaborative approach
- Establish partnerships, community resources, and support
- Multi-disciplinary team
- Governance structure
- Shared mission and vision
- Communication and information sharing
- Cross-training and interdisciplinary education
- Family-centered, culturally relevant, and trauma-informed approach
- FTC policy and procedure manual
- FTC pre-court staffing and FTC review hearing

2 Role of the Judge

Judicial leadership is critical to effective planning, implementation, and operation of the FTC. The FTC judge leads the operational team and has the unique ability to engage leaders of partner agencies and other stakeholders to participate in the development, implementation, and ongoing operations of the FTC. The judge convenes meetings of the operational team so that they can identify shared values, voice concerns, and find common ground. Encouraging shared leadership, the judge works collectively with leaders of partner agencies to establish clear roles and a shared vision and mission. The FTC judge's development of rapport with participants is one of the most important components of the FTC.

Provisions:
- Convening partners
- Judicial decision-making
- Participation in FTC pre-court staffing
- Interaction with participants
- Professional training
- Length of judicial assignment to the FTC

3 Ensuring Equity and Inclusion

The FTC has an affirmative obligation to continually assess its operations and those of partner organizations for policies or procedures that could contribute to disproportionality and disparities. Disproportionality is the result of processes which produce over or under representation of a group compared to the percentage of that same group in the population of interest. Disparities are inequitable differences in the services received or outcomes by race, gender, or other characteristic. The FTC actively collects and analyzes program and partner organization data to determine if there are examples of disproportionality or disparities within the program; members of the FTC operational team and steering committee implement corrective measures to eliminate them.

Provisions:
- Equitable FTC program admission practices
- Equitable FTC retention rates and child welfare outcomes
- Equivalent/appropriate treatment
- Equivalent responses to participant behavior
- Team training
4 Early Screening Identification and Assessment

The early identification, screening, and assessment of families to enter into FTC provides the greatest opportunity to fully meet the comprehensive needs of children, parents, and families in the child welfare system. Families entering the child welfare system are promptly, systematically, and universally screened and referred to the FTC as early as possible in the child welfare case. FTC team members screen and assess all referred families using objective eligibility and exclusion criteria based on the best available evidence indicating which families can be served safely and effectively in FTCs. FTC team members use validated assessment tools and procedures to promptly refer children, parents, and family members to the appropriate services and levels of care. FTC team members conduct ongoing, validated assessments of the needs of the child, parent, and family members, while also addressing barriers to recovery and reunification throughout the case. Service referrals match identified needs and connect children, parents, and families to evidence-based interventions, promising programs and trauma-informed, culturally-responsive, and family-centered practices. FTC team members have varying roles for this process to occur in a timely and efficient manner.

Provisions:
- Target population, objective eligibility, and exclusion criteria
- Standardized and systematic referral, screening, and assessment process
- Use of valid and reliable screening and assessment instruments for parents and families
- Valid, reliable, and developmentally appropriate screening and assessments for children
- Identification and resolution of barriers to recovery and reunification services

5 Timely, High-Quality, and Appropriate Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment is provided to meet the individual and unique substance-related clinical and supportive needs of persons with SUDs. For participants in FTC, it is important that the SUD treatment agency or clinician provide services in the context of the participants’ family relationships, particularly the parent-child dyad, and understand the importance of and responsibility for ensuring child safety within the Adoption and Safe Families Act timeline for child permanency. SUD treatment providers’ continuum of services includes early identification, screening, and brief intervention; comprehensive standardized assessment; stabilization; timely, appropriate, manualized, evidence-based treatment including medications if warranted; timely communication with the FTC team; and continuing care. The parent, child, and family treatment plan is based on individualized and assessed needs and strengths and is provided in a timely manner including concurrent treatment of mental health and physical health disorders.

Provisions:
- Timely access to appropriate treatment
- Treatment matches assessed needs
- Comprehensive continuum of care
- Integrated treatment of co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders
- Family-centered treatment
- Gender-responsive treatment
- Treatment for pregnant women
- Culturally-responsive treatment
- Evidence-based manualized treatment
- Medication-assisted treatment
- Drug testing protocols
- Treatment provider qualifications

6 Comprehensive Case Management Services, and Supports for Families

FTC ensures that children, parents, and family members receive comprehensive services that meet their assessed needs and promotes sustained family safety, permanency, recovery, and well-being. In addition to high-quality substance use and co-occurring mental health disorder treatment, the FTC’s family-centered service array includes other clinical treatment and related clinical and community support services. These services are trauma responsive, include families as active participants, and are grounded in cross-systems collaboration and evidence-based or evidence-informed practices that are implemented with fidelity.

Provisions:
- Intensive case management and coordinated case planning
- Family involvement in case planning
- Recovery supports
- High-quality parenting time (visitation)
- Parenting and family strengthening programs
- Reunification and related supports
- Trauma-specific services for children and parents
- Services to meet children’s individual needs
- Complementary services to support parents and families
- Early intervention services for infants and children affected by prenatal substance exposure
- Substance use prevention for children and adolescents
The FTC’s operational team applies therapeutic responses (e.g., child safety interventions, treatment adjustments, complementary service modifications, incentives, and sanctions) to improve child, parent, and family functioning, ensure children’s safety and well-being, support participant behavior change, and promote participant accountability. The FTC recognizes the biopsychosocial and behavioral complexities of supporting participants through behavior change to achieve sustainable recovery, stable reunification, permanency, and resolution of the child welfare case. When responding to participant behavior, the FTC team considers the cause of the behavior, the effect of the therapeutic response on the participant’s children and family, and the participant’s engagement in treatment and supportive services.

**Provisions:**
- Child and family focus
- Treatment adjustments
- Complementary service modifications
- FTC phases
- Incentives and sanctions to promote engagement
- Equivalent responses
- Certainty
- Advance notice
- Timely response delivery
- Opportunity for participants to be heard
- Professional demeanor
- Child safety interventions
- Use of addictive or intoxicating substances
- FTC discharge decisions
Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are Standards important for the field? Developing best practice standards for FTCs is an important step toward defining and promoting quality to improve outcomes for children, parents, and families. Standards provide practitioners with a shared definition of the elements required in practice and establish a common language across different models and programs. Last year’s release of the National Strategic Plan called for Standards to ensure the FTC field is focused on enhancing and expanding the use of FTCs to improve outcomes for more children and families.

How are the Standards different than the 7 Key Ingredients and 10 Recommendations? The Standards are based on earlier policy and practice guidance that helped shape the FTC model. There is definite overlap between the eight Standards and the seven Key Ingredients and the ten FTC Guidelines, which were published in 2013 and updated in 2015. The eight Standards emerged from these carefully organized frameworks. Each standard includes a requirement that outlines a specific practice. This differs from guidelines or recommendations, which are suggested courses of action. Each standard, includes:

- **Standard** – a declarative statement describing how practice is to be organized and delivered
- **Provisions** – are statements of what FTCs should do; they are designed to be as directive and measurable as possible
- **Rationale** – describes the reasoning and applicable research base for each provision, drawing upon both practice-based evidence and empirical studies from a wide range of related fields of study
- **Key Considerations** – provide additional explanation of the provision and practical implementation advice

Who developed the Standards? What was the process? The development of the FTC Standards was a collaborative effort between national organizations, content experts, and federal agencies. The Center for Children and Family Futures (CCFF) partnered with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) under the leadership of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and with the assistance of representatives from the Children’s Bureau and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

In June 2017, an Advisory Group was established in response to the goal set forth in the National Strategic Plan. Twenty-five professionals representing the academic research community, FTC judges, attorneys, coordinators, treatment and child welfare practitioners, state coordinators, and federal partners served on the Advisory Group. The Advisory Group developed the content and also provided feedback on both process and content throughout the development of the Standards including identification, review, and selection of research-based strategies and practice-based evidence from the FTC Guidelines.
In May 2018, the proposed Standards were presented and described to the FTC field at the NADCP annual conference. Peer reviewers provided in-depth responses on each chapter, and the proposed Standards were also made available for public comment. This review process was intended to ensure the final version of the FTC Standards met rigorous academic standards for research-based and research-informed practice while also meeting the practice needs of local FTC professionals.

**Who should read and use the Standards?**
FTC teams can use the Standards as a blueprint for implementing best practices, whether they are planning and implementing a new FTC or enhancing an existing one. FTCS can also use the Standards for self-assessment and to identify current strengths and areas for improvement. It is essential to remember that efforts to improve current practice based on the Standards is a developmental process requiring patience and persistence. Some standards and their provisions may be more challenging or require more time to implement than others. CCFF and NADCP offer an array of training and technical resources to support successful implementation of the Standards.

**Direct Service Practitioners** can use the Standards to reflect on and enhance their work with children, parents, families, and communities.

**Community Leaders** can use the Standards as a tool for capacity building.

**Policymakers** can adopt the Standards to establish expectations for quality practice for families involved in child welfare and affected by substance use and mental health disorders. The Standards enable a state’s judicial, executive, and legislative leadership to assess the quality of operations, their alignment with effectiveness, and program areas that may need additional training and technical assistance.

**Funders** can adopt the Standards in requests for proposals, program monitoring, and quality assurance. The Standards can be used to measure growth and progress by "setting the bar" for practice and program areas that additional resources are needed to achieve better results.

**When will the Standards be released? Are bound copies available?** The FTC Standards will be posted online on the NADCP and CFF websites in the Fall of 2019. A limited supply of printed hardbound copies will be available upon special request.

**How can I learn more about the Standards at this conference?** Attend the Skill Building Session (SB-5): Raising the Bar - What You Need to Know about the Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards on Sunday, July 14 at 9:15 am. During this three-hour session, you will gain an overview of the eight FTC Standards and key provisions and explore how they can be operationalized by your team. During most of the workshop sessions in the FTC conference track, presenters will also connect the content with one or more of the Standards.

We also encourage you to connect with any of the Peer Learning Courts who have been recognized for their best practices in one or more of the Standards.
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Want to know what sessions you should attend? Have questions about the conference agenda? Need to discuss burning issues affecting your FTC? This year's discipline-specific sessions are for you! This year's conference includes opportunities for professionals to meet and resolve challenges and critical questions based on your discipline. Starting bright and early on Sunday morning at 7:45am, expert practitioners will facilitate the breakout designated for your discipline. The facilitators will review the conference program, identify sessions specifically designed for your role on the team, and lead a discussion to address your hot topics and challenges.

The Center for Children and Family Futures and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, with the support of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, have partnered in the development of the Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards. The goal was to create model standards to: 1) guide the daily operations of FTC; 2) support state decisions regarding resource development and priorities; and, 3) improve outcomes for individuals, children, and families affected by substance use and mental health disorders who are involved in the child welfare system. This session will introduce policy leaders and local practitioners to the Standards and provide an opportunity to begin exploring how adoption of the Standards will improve FTC practice.

**Learning Objectives:**
1. Summarize the need for and development of FTC Best Practice Standards and how they align with the National FTC Strategic Plan
2. Explain how states and local jurisdictions can use the Standards to improve FTC practice and inform statewide standards and local policies and procedures
3. Describe the ways that the Standards reflect earlier policy and practice guidance for FTCs
4. Identify the 8 Standards and the provisions which describe each of the Standards
5. Discuss how the Standards relate to your FTC’s current practice
Families involved in the child welfare system and affected by parental substance use disorders face a difficult and arduous journey toward achieving recovery and reunification goals within the time limits set by the Adoption and Safe Families Act. Family Treatment Courts (FTCs) provide a pathway for achieving positive outcomes through interagency collaboration, coordinated and comprehensive service delivery addressing the needs of the entire family, and enhanced accountability. Once a family engages, they have a higher chance of experiencing successful outcomes. The presenters will discuss effective staffing and court hearing practices that improve cross-systems communication, examine the parent-child relationship, and assess the family's strengths and needs to determine when it is safe and appropriate to return a child home. This workshop discussion will explore family engagement and family readiness as a collaborative practice challenge and the need for coordinated case plans and effective communication protocols across child welfare, treatment, and court systems. The audience will learn practice tips to collaboratively assess for readiness and put those recommendations into practice by engaging in an interactive simulation of a treatment team meeting and status review hearing.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Examine the importance of implementing effective engagement strategies for families affected by substance use disorders
2. Learn various case management and cross-system communication strategies that assess for family strengths and needs that support successful family recovery and family reunification
3. Witness first-hand how to enhance pre-court treatment team and status review hearings to ensure the needs of the family are being addressed shifting from “problem reporting” to “problem solving”
Day 1
Takeaways
notes, aha-moments, need to do & networking

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Planning for Safe Care: Serving Mothers and Infants Affected by Opioid Use Disorders

The nation's prescription drug and opioid crisis has led to an increase in opioid use disorders among pregnant and parenting women. Best practices suggest the need for a collaborative response across systems to improve outcomes, reduce risks and adverse consequences for pregnant and parenting women and their infants, and help families remain together safely.

In July 2016, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) was signed into law including amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). The amendments focused on improving well-being and safety for infants affected by prenatal substance exposure and their families or caregivers by: including exposure to both legal and illegal substances in the categories of infants to be identified, specifying requirements for notification to child protective services, stipulating the development of a plan of safe care that includes the treatment needs of the family/caregiver in the plan, and increasing monitoring requirements.

Collaborative practice is critical to addressing the complex needs of infants with prenatal substance exposure and their families both within and outside the child welfare system. This workshop will highlight strategies and best practices in developing collaborative teams that can serve the diverse needs of infants with prenatal substance exposure, including addressing the needs of pregnant and parenting women with opioid use disorders. Participants will learn how collaborative teams can use the Plan of Safe Care to drive a comprehensive, family-centered approach to improve the well-being and safety of infants with prenatal substance exposure and their families. Finally, we will share examples of states and localities that have successfully incorporated collaborative practice into their systems for infants with prenatal substance exposure to highlight challenges, successes, and tools to support a family-centered, collaborative approach.

Learning Objectives:
1. Understand the importance of family-centered treatment in a collaborative approach to serving infants with prenatal substance exposure and their families
2. Identify strategies to expand collaborative teams that can work effectively with pregnant and parenting women and their infants affected by prenatal substance exposure
3. Learn how collaborative teams can develop an approach to implement comprehensive and effective CAPTA Plans of Safe Care
4. Identify challenges, successes, and tools for implementing a comprehensive, family-centered approach to serving infants with prenatal substance exposure
The Jefferson County (Colorado) Family Integrated Treatment (FIT) model drug court has been using quantitative and qualitative data for over ten years for program development and continuous quality improvement. This session will outline how the Jefferson County FIT team has used data to inform areas of potential improvement and make changes to the program resulting in improvements in outcomes for children and families. This session will focus on the internal evaluation efforts including the type of data collected, collection methods, and provide specific examples of how the data have been used to evaluate and improve the FIT program. This presentation will examine the results of the formal outcome and cost-offset evaluation conducted by the Colorado State University Social Work Research Center. Funded by the Prevention and Family Recovery grant administered through Children and Family Futures with the support of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and The Duke Endowment, the evaluation provided a rigorous outcome and cost analysis of the FIT program using propensity score matching. In this section, the methodology used to identify and match FIT cases to a comparison group of cases also with substance use served in the traditional Child Welfare track will be described, the results and key findings of the evaluation and next steps will also be provided.

Learning Objectives:
1. Identify what program and outcome data are useful for evaluation of family treatment courts (FTCs)
2. Review examples of how data can be used to evaluate and improve FTC programs
3. Discover key changes in Jefferson County FIT program that have resulted in improved outcomes
4. Examine key child welfare outcome measures used in FTC program evaluation
5. Identify statistical methods used to evaluate FTC outcomes (cohorts and propensity score matching)
6. Review results of both internal program evaluation as well as formal outcome and cost evaluation with Colorado State University
As Family Treatment Court (FTC) programs are expanding and strengthening their collaborative partnerships, foster parents and kinship caregivers are increasingly recognized as valuable members of the team and the important role they can play in supporting the goals of family recovery and family reunification. Foster parents are now commonly referred to as “resource parents” to reflect the critical role they have in the lives of families involved in the child welfare system. In addition to providing for the needs of the child, they can also be a source of support for the birth family as they seek to achieve recovery, safety, stability, and permanency. Resource parents can be a valuable source of information used for making important decisions regarding the child and family. This presentation will explore the important role of resource parents in supporting the family recovery and reunification process. This presentation will highlight the importance of facilitating quality and frequent family time, co-parenting with the birth parent, and providing a trauma-informed approach.

**Learning Objectives:**
1. Understand the important role resource parents and kinship caregivers have in supporting family recovery and reunification
2. Highlight the essential topics and strategies for effective recruitment, training, and support of resource parents to better serve families affected by parental substance use
3. Learn how FTCs are engaging resource parents as valued member of the FTC team

Many family treatment courts (FTCs) are challenged with effectively responding to participant behavior. The complexities of supporting real behavior change and providing accountability to achieve the goals of recovery and safe parenting will require your team to be individualistic yet fair, problem-solving, and therapeutic in its approach. FTCs need to consider underlying causes of behaviors, the effect of the response on the participant’s children, and the participant’s engagement in treatment and supportive services. This presentation will explore key considerations in responding to participant behavior through review of the most recent research and will explore hot topics such as the use of jail, phase advancement, and termination. A *Take Action Guide* will be provided to ensure attendees translate learning into practice.

**Learning Objectives:**
1. Describe the key guiding principles of responding to participant behavior in FTCs
2. Discuss effective approaches to responding to participant behavior that are family-centered, problem-solving, trauma-informed, and therapeutic
3. Apply strategies and solutions implemented by various FTCs that are effectively responding to participant behavior
This presentation explores the importance of engaging fathers from a gender-responsive and trauma-informed perspective. Research confirms that a father’s involvement in his child’s life has a number of significant positive effects, yet many organizations and programs struggle to engage fathers on a consistent basis. This presentation highlights the common challenges for father engagement in typical community-based and child welfare services. Attendees of this session are introduced to Amazing Dads: Finding the Father Within—a curriculum designed specifically for fathers, and one that deals with often unaddressed areas like trauma, sexuality, relational competence, and more with the intent of improving engagement and outcomes for those dads who participate. Presenters also include facilitators from a pilot program of the Amazing Dads curriculum who discuss their experience with implementing this curriculum with the fathers they serve.

Learning Objectives:
1. Highlight the importance of engaging fathers for improving their children's well-being
2. Discuss the effects that male socialization has on father engagement in typical services
3. Explore Amazing Dads: Finding the Father Within—a gender-responsive, trauma-informed curriculum designed specifically for fathers
This session will explore the need to establish connections between Veteran Treatment Courts (VTCs), teams of Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO) mentors, and probation staff and the existing family- and child-serving agencies within the community. All collaborative courts are family courts when their participants include adults who have children. Recent survey results indicate that more than half of the participants served by VTCs are parents with children. Prioritizing family-centered approaches in VTCs is justified based on the trauma and substance use disorder service needs of veterans, their children, and families. Participants will gain a greater understanding of how to improve service delivery by examining the collaborative strategies within the Ten Element VTC Framework. Highlights of this presentation include particular attention to parental stress, family trauma, and the associated factors of disrupted parent-child relationships including deployment, reintegration, and separation from service. Presenters will make the case for family-centered approaches by drawing on their collective experience as part of a collaborative coalition in Orange County, California which provides services to veterans involved in collaborative courts (i.e., Veterans Treatment Court, Domestic Violence Court), mental health systems, and their children and families.

Learning Objectives:
1. Develop an understanding about the importance of applying family-centered approaches through a continuum of services to address the unique needs of veterans, their children, and families
2. Learn how to apply the key principles of the Ten Element VTC Framework to enhance collaboration, develop community partnerships, and improve service delivery to VTC participants
3. Increase an awareness and advance knowledge about the associative factors affecting parent-child relationships including deployment, reintegration, and separation from service
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All collaborative courts are family courts if their clients are part of a family system. Substance use disorders have a profound effect on all relationships in the family unit and recovery support must extend beyond the client to a more family-centered approach. This concurrent general session will offer judicial leaders and treatment court professionals working in any treatment court key strategies for implementing a family-centered approach. This presentation will make the case for why all treatment courts should pay greater attention to children and families and that cross-system collaboration and communication are critical for family safety and recovery. Presenters will share lessons from a published study by Children and Family Futures and NADCP—Transitioning to a Family Centered Approach: Best Practices and Lessons Learned from Three Adult Drug Courts. Panelists from three adult treatment courts that are transitioning to a family-centered approach will share their motivation for focusing on the family unit as well as concrete strategies for screening, data collection, and new partnerships that helped them expand services to families and children.

Learning Objectives:
1. Gain a greater understanding of the effect of substance use on the family and the importance of addressing family's needs as a critical part of recovery
2. Learn how cross-systems collaboration, communication, and community partnerships are critical in serving the complex needs of children and families in your treatment court
3. Learn key lessons, take-aways, and challenges from three adult treatment court programs that are transitioning to a family-centered approach

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Judge Rowley is a graduate of Cornell University, With Distinction in all Subjects, and the S.U.N.Y Buffalo School of Law, cum laude. He was first elected to his current position, Tompkins County Judge, Family Court Judge and Surrogate, in 2000, and re-elected in 2010. He has served as an Acting Supreme Court Justice since 2003 while presiding over an Integrated Domestic Violence part. In addition to his criminal court, family court, and surrogate court caseloads, he presides in two other specialty courts which he founded: the Family Treatment Court and the Sexual Offender Compliance Court. Judge Rowley was the founding chairperson of the NYSBA Judicial Wellness Committee. He speaks frequently on issues of domestic violence, lawyer and judicial alcoholism and addiction, stress management, vicarious trauma and problem solving courts.

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Judge Kreber Varipapa was appointed to the Orange County Superior Court bench in November of 2015. Judge Kreber Varipapa legal expertise includes in Collaborative Courts, Juvenile Courts, Mental Health Courts and Criminal Law. She began her career in Juvenile Courts and developing collaborative courts. Prior to her appointment, Judge Kreber Varipapa was the supervising attorney of the Orange County Public Defenders Mental Health Unit. This unit handled all LPS, and Probate conservatorships, SVP, AOT (Laura's Law) and criminal mental health cases. In addition, she has handled felony and misdemeanor cases ranging from complex fraud to gang cases, DV charges, sexual molest cases as well as weapon charges and drug charges. Judge Kreber Varipapa currently presides over Orange County’s Collaborative Courts at the Dept. CCB1 (Community Court) in Santa Ana. These courts include five separate co-occurring disorder courts, Homeless Court, Veterans’ Treatment Court, Military Diversion, Drug Court and DUI Court. The Community Court is designed as a “Solution Court.” The building houses the courtroom as well as offices for the Veterans Administration, Public Defender, Vocational Rehab, the OC Health Care and Children’s Chambers. In addition, Children and Families First, The Vet Center, medical providers, Child Support Services, Housing Advocates, SSI and Community Service Assistance and NAMI are present at the court. Veterans Treatment Court, which is convened at the Community Court, has attracted national attention as an innovative and effective way to help veterans overcome the issues that impede their full re-integration into society, while protecting public safety and reducing the costs associated with recidivism.

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Since the Sixth Judicial District was split by the Nevada Legislature on July 1, 2015, Judge Montero is now the only District Court Judge in Humboldt County, Nevada. His caseload is comprised of every civil and criminal case that originates in or is transferred to the district court, as well as presiding over several specialty courts, including the Adult Drug Court, the DUI Court, Mental Health Court, Truancy Court and Family Treatment Court.

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Ms. Rienow received her Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Bachelors of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. She has used her clinical education and experience along with her criminal justice experience to make programmatic adjustments through both lenses. Her training and experience allow her to assess program fidelity to best practice standards and conduct ongoing program evaluation.
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Ms. Lemus is a Registered Nurse, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and a Certified Clinical Supervisor. She is a co-author and contributor to several publications, including the Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Needs Assessment, Family Drug Court Guidelines, and Family Treatment Court Standards.
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In 2010, Tommy was the recipient of 26th Annual Ruth Pettengill Award for Excellence in Community Service; in 2011, he was presented with the Mental Health Association's Jane Y. Hartz Outstanding Human Service Award; in 2014, Tommy was presented with the Corrine Gavin Award (New York Assembly citation via Honorable Barbara Lifton) for work on Human Rights issues in Tompkins County; and, in 2016, he was presented with the Unsung Hero award for outstanding contributions to the Ithaca Community from Henry Highland Garnett Lodge #40. Additionally, he has innumerable certifications including, but not limited to, trauma informed care and solution focused approaches.

Tommy has given presentations at universities, community organizations, and to the faith community on equity, inclusion, explicit biases, microaggressions, systemic racism, and more. In his role as a social justice artist and community activist, Tommy’s mission is to promote racial healing, racial equity, harmony, and love.
Why are we Better Together?
The following training and technical assistance (TTA) resources are available at no cost and can be accessed on the Children and Family Futures website. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding any of our resources or if we can be of any further assistance.
National Family Drug Court Strategic Plan

A coordinated national strategy to enhance and expand the use of FTCs to reach more children and families

3 GOALS
| Ensure Quality Implementation | Expand FTC Reach | Expand Research Base

The Vision

Every family in the child welfare system affected by parental/caregiver substance use disorders will have timely access to comprehensive and coordinated screening, assessment, and service delivery for family’s success.

Visit www.cffutures.org
The Family Treatment Court (FTC) Planning Guide published by the National Drug Court Institute and the Center for Children and Family Futures (2018) provides step-by-step instructions for a team to start and implement an FTC in their community.

Visit www.cffutures.org
Launched in 2010, the FDC Learning Academy offers a series of web-based training events to help FTCs assess their needs, initiate strategic planning, improve programs, evaluate performance, and sustain their programs. The Learning Academy meets the wide range of learning needs of the FTC field by offering different levels of "learning communities" that focus on the needs of FTCs at different developmental stages (i.e., planning, early implementation, enhanced and advanced practices, systems change).

2019 Café Conversations

Learn | Share | Do

JANUARY 2019
Checklist to Change - Rethinking Phases, Recovery and Reunification in Your FTC

MARCH 2019
The Top 5 Challenges in Responding to Participant Behavior in FTCs (and how to solve them)

MAY 2019
Fostering Hope and Healing - The Role of Resource Parents in Supporting Family Recovery and Reunification in FTCs

SEPTEMBER 2019
Better Together – The Challenges and Opportunities of Keeping Families Together in Your FTC

Watch Video Presentation
Team Discussion Guide
Attend Live Café Conversation

Take an Action Step

Visit our website @ https://www.cffutures.org/fdc-learning-academy/ to view our archived library
Family Drug Court
Peer Learning Court Program

Visit 8 PLCs at the Exhibit Hall

The eight mentor courts, selected through a rigorous application process, have each demonstrated commitment to evidence-supported practices, innovative strategies to improve outcomes for children and families, and a strong foundation of collaboration among the court, child welfare, and substance use treatment agencies. The 2018-2019 Peer Learning Courts will help to advance the family treatment court (FTC) movement by furthering the exchange of learning through peer-to-peer technical assistance. FTC professionals who are particularly interested in learning more about how to implement the newly released FTC Best Practice Standards are encouraged to visit these mentor courts at the RISE19 Exhibit Hall.

- Dunklin County Family Treatment Court, Missouri
- Jefferson County Family Integrated Treatment Court, Colorado
- King County Family Treatment Court, Washington
- Miami-Dade County Dependency Drug Court, Florida
- Sacramento County Early Identification Family Drug Court, California
- Tompkins County Family Treatment Court, New York
- Tulsa County Family Treatment Court, Oklahoma
- Wapello County Family Treatment Court, Iowa

"Now more than ever..

..with over 500 family treatment courts across the nation, more jurisdictions moving to a continuum of care for all families affected by substance use disorders, and the upcoming release of the Family Court Best Practice Standards means we look to our Peer Learning Courts to share their invaluable experiences overcoming barriers and implementing collaborative solutions. We recognize the importance of peer-to-peer learning and partnering with these mentor courts to deliver timely and responsive training and technical assistance to the field."

Dr. Nancy Young,
Executive Director of the Center for Children and Family Futures.
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In July 2017, the Center for Children and Family Futures launched the Family Drug Court Tutorial which provides self-paced learning opportunities for anyone wanting to gain a basic and introductory knowledge of the FTC model and operations. Designed using a web-based platform and using the FDC Guidelines as a framework for instruction, the tutorial is divided into five learning modules consisting of updated content, video clips, links to additional training and technical assistance resources, and quiz questions to enhance the learning experience.

The Tutorials take approximately 4-5 hours to complete, and offer a Certificate of Completion upon successful completion of all five modules and passing a Final Quiz.

Learning Modules

- Overview of the FDC Movement and Model
- Foundation of Shared Mission and Values
- Services to Children and Parents
- Agency Collaboration and Information Sharing
- Achieve Shared Outcomes

Visit www.fdctutorials.org
The free tutorials focus on the subjects of substance use disorders and child welfare; they support and facilitate collaboration between the child welfare system, the substance use treatment system, and the courts. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available upon successful completion of a tutorial.


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

NCSACW is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Children's Bureau.

www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov
A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women With Opioid Use Disorders

This publication provides an overview of the extent of the opioid use by pregnant women and the effects on the infant and highlights recommendations for treatment approaches from leading professional organizations based on evidence-based practices. An in-depth case study is also included so collaborative teams can adopt and adapt key components and lessons in their jurisdiction. The publication also includes a Guide for Collaborative Planning to support teams in their planning and implementation efforts.

Please contact ncsacw@cffutures.org or visit www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov if you have any questions regarding this publication or need additional resources to help you address the opioid crisis in your community.
The Prevention and Family Recovery (PFR) initiative seeks to advance the capacity of family treatment courts (FTCs) and their partner agencies to provide and sustain a comprehensive family-centered approach to improve child, parent and family outcomes. PFR Grantees Round 1 included:

- Pima County, AZ
- San Francisco, CA
- Robeson County, NC
- Tompkins County, NY

The series of five Briefs highlight cross-cutting lessons and experiences from the first round of PFR grantees:

- Brief 1: Overview of the PFR Initiative
- Brief 2: Key Lessons for Implementing a Family-Centered Approach
- Brief 3: Cross-Systems Collaboration, Governance, and Leadership
- Brief 4: Evidence-Based Program Implementation
- Brief 5: Building the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity
Transitioning to a Family-Centered Approach

Best Practices and Lessons from
5 ADULT DRUG COURTS

This publication released by Children and Family Futures and the National Drug Court Institute, offers professionals working in adult drug courts key strategies for implementing a family-focused approach, with particular focus on enhanced collaboration, communication, shared knowledge, addressing the needs of families and children, funding, sustainability, and outcomes. This publication highlights three adult drug courts from Florida, Michigan, and Montana and their process of transitioning from a traditional adult drug court to one that has expanded services to families and children.
The National Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams (QIC-CCCT) is funded by the Children’s Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The goal of this grant initiative is to improve outcomes for infants and families affected by substance use disorders and prenatal substance exposure.

A total of 15 demonstration sites were selected through a competitive and rigorous application process. With the assistance of dedicated Training and Technical Assistance Change Teams, each of the demonstration sites will design, implement and test new and innovative approaches that meet the requirements of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and that better meet the needs of infants and families. Evaluation findings and lessons from demonstration sites will provide the field and local courts across the country with valuable information on the most effective multi-system strategies and approaches to improve the way in which parents and caregivers and their children are served.

The QIC-CCCT demonstration sites are:

- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services – Oklahoma County Family Drug Court; Okmulgee County Family Drug Court; Tulsa County Family Drug Court
- Yurok Tribe for Northern California Tribal Court Coalition – Humboldt County – Yurok, Hoopa Valley and Karuk Tribe; Del Norte County – Yurok Tribe
- Alabama Administrative Office of Courts - Jefferson County; Jackson County
- Supreme Court of Ohio – Coshocton County Probate and Juvenile Court; Fairfield County Juvenile and Probate Court; Trumbull County Family Court
- Supreme Court of Georgia, Committee on Justice for Children – Douglas County Juvenile Court
- Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc.
- Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County, Juvenile Department
- Alaska Court System – Palmer Therapeutic Courts
- Harris County Family Intervention – Infant Toddler Court

Visit www.cffutures.org/qic-ccct
The Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) Model is a child welfare based intervention that has been shown, when implemented with fidelity, to improve outcomes for both parents and children affected by child maltreatment and parental substance use disorders. START is listed on the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse as a model with promising research evidence.

The START model is specifically designed to transform the system-of-care within and between child welfare agencies and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers; it also engages the judicial system and other family serving agencies. The broad goals of START are to keep children safely with their parents whenever possible and to promote parental recovery and capacity to care for their children.

The START model aims to mitigate systems issues that result in barriers to families being able to access services in a timely manner. It requires an approach to service delivery that involves cross-system collaboration and flexibility to meet the unique needs of this population. The practices of the START Model align with collaborative strategies considered to be effective for families affected by parental substance use disorders and child maltreatment.

Children and Family Futures (CFF) is the national home for the training and technical assistance program of the START Model.

Please visit our website for a complete list of START-related publications.

For more information about START or to contact Tina Willauer, purveyor, please email START@cffutures.org
Statewide System Improvement Program

3 LEADING CHANGE BRIEFS

The purpose of the Brief Series is to synthesize the experiences of the state grantees: Alabama, Colorado, Iowa, New York, Ohio, and territory of Guam.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) funded the Statewide System Improvement Program (SSIP) to accomplish the vision of expanding the reach of Family Treatment Courts (FTCs). SSIP is more than just an FTC initiative; it is about taking on “a new approach” or “new way of doing business” to serve all families involved in the child welfare system affected by parental substance use. The purpose of this Brief Series is to synthesize the experiences of the six grantees into lessons for state and local leaders who want to pursue similar system improvement initiatives in their own states and communities.

This Brief Series highlight the dual-pronged “top-down and bottom-up” approach to statewide work: informing systemic, state-level changes through supportive partnerships with local jurisdictions as they strive to improve outcomes for families.

- Brief #1 provides an overview of the SSIP initiative.
- Brief #2 offers lessons and key considerations for state leaders who want to engage in systems improvements in their states.
- Brief #3 focuses on lessons for local leaders who want to engage in broader systems change efforts.
Serving Veterans and Their Families

Children and Family Futures (CFF) works with states, localities, and community providers who respond to the needs of the children of veterans whose parents are in Veteran Treatment Courts, Family Treatment Courts or other treatment programs. Many veterans’ programs may not be serving children affected by their veteran parents’ trauma and substance use disorders, and we work to help agencies provide those services. While veterans have access to services through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), their family members are often “invisible” and ineligible to receive the help they need. The children of veterans are far less visible than those living in families whose parents are on active duty, because the children of veterans are not eligible for most of the services provided to military families on active duty.

CFF staff have been involved in program development, research, and planning activities that are focused on the children and families of veterans. CFF has recently completed a statewide evaluation of California’s VTCs and can assist your VTC in developing an evaluation plan. This work is led by CFF’s President, Sid Gardner, and our Director of Veterans’ and Military Projects, Larisa Owen. Mr. Gardner is a Vietnam veteran and Dr. Owen is the spouse of a Gulf War Marine Corps veteran and is a Captain in the California State Guard. For more information, please contact Dr. Larisa Owen, CFF at (714) 505-3525.
The Center for Children and Family Futures strives to prevent child abuse and neglect while improving safety, permanency, well-being and recovery outcomes for children, parents and families affected by trauma substance use and mental health disorders.

For more information, visit: www.cffutures.org

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