

SAFE, HEALTHY INFANTS & FAMILIES THRIVE (SHIFT) COLLABORATIVE

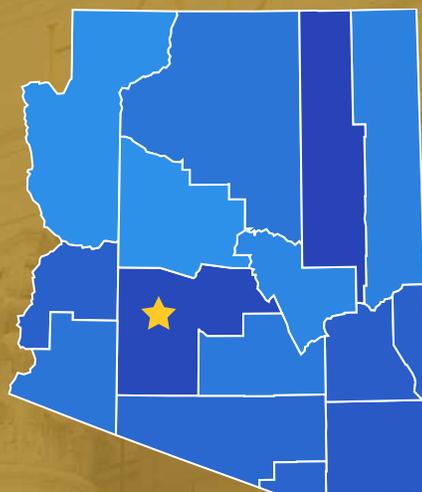
Maricopa County, AZ

Lead Local Agency: Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, Juvenile Division

Program Model:

Micro level: Family Treatment Court

Macro/Systems Level - SHIFT Collaborative (multi-disciplinary team focused on system's improvement)



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Safe, Healthy Infants & Families Thrive (SHIFT) Collaborative is to ensure early identification of infants prenatally exposed to substances, reduce time to service engagement for parents and infants, improve Family Treatment Court (FTC) accessibility, increase system collaboration on this issue, and decrease overall exposure to trauma for the impacted family. Substance use disorder treatment providers, hospitals, health care providers, child welfare, attorneys, medication assisted treatment providers, and the Court have developed a collaborative and supportive continuum response that promotes healing of the family, starting in the prenatal period. Over the course of the QIC-CCCT project, the SHIFT Collaborative was built with a primary focus of establishing a system of care approach to working with pregnant parents experiencing substance use disorders. The SHIFT Collaborative is in the process of implementing the Prenatal Coordinated Care Pilot starting in the Summer of 2020 to practice, demonstrate, test, refine, and evaluate the model. If proven to be successful, the evaluation will be used to share with local and state-wide systems of care for implementation at a larger scale.

TARGET POPULATION

Pregnant parents with a history of substance use disorder and families impacted by infants with prenatal substance exposure in Maricopa County, Arizona.

MARICOPA COUNTY QUICK FACTS



1 in 5 petitions filed with the Juvenile Department from April 2018 to February 2020 had indications of an infant with prenatal substance exposure (n=1,495).



From April 2018 to March 2020, Family Treatment Court served over 123 adults and 98 families who either were pregnant during the program or who had an infant with prenatal substance exposure.



Of the 81 parents engaged with SHIFT Collaborative partner, Hushabye Nursery, at the time of the birth event from February 2019 to April 2020, 87% of their infants were discharged home to the parent.

PROJECT GOALS

1. Convene a group of multi-disciplinary stakeholders to create a collaborative group focused on system's improvement for the target population.
2. The Safe, Healthy Infants & Families Thrive (SHIFT) Collaborative will implement a prenatal coordinated care pilot that will identify at-risk pregnant women and their partners with substance use disorders to engage them in services as early as possible during the pregnancy and increase collaboration and planning throughout the pregnancy and birth event.
3. Serve at least 30 parents through the Family Treatment Court (FTC) who have infants prenatally exposed to substances or parents who are pregnant while participating in the program per year for a total of 90 parents during the project period.
4. Create a FTC policy manual, in collaboration with SHIFT and FTC partner agencies, that specifically addresses best practices for working with pregnant parents with substance use disorders and families impacted by infants with prenatal substance exposure.

LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS

Legal

Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, Juvenile Department (Family Treatment Court)
Maricopa County Office of the Public Advocate

Child Welfare

Department of Child Safety

Healthcare

Maricopa County Department Public Health
Hushabye Nursery
University of Arizona College of Medicine—Phoenix
Banner Health
St. Joseph's Hospital
Arizona Statewide Task Force on Preventing Prenatal Exposure to Alcohol and Other Drugs

Community Services (Home Visiting, Parent Support)

Southwest Human Development
Family Involvement Center/Parents for Parents Program

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Terros Health
Community Medical Services

Early Intervention

Arizona Early Intervention Program

PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND SUSTAINABILITY

SHIFT provided a variety of training for health care providers, collaborative partners, Department of Child Safety, the court, and the community. This resulted in improved FTC enrollment, peer recovery support for families in FTC, and a focus on timely access to services laid out in the Plan of Safe Care. As FTC goals were achieved, the focus moved to early identification of families at risk of having an infant born with prenatal substance exposure. The team developed a Prenatal Plan of Safe Care to assist families in learning about and planning for the birth of their baby. This plan was designed to accompany the Infant Care Plan that would be developed when the baby is born. Collaborative partners continue to work with the families after the birth, supporting the family's

recovery and helping them to understand the needs of the baby. While the SHIFT Collaborative was originally organized and chaired by the courts, through the course of the project the Maricopa County Department of Public Health played a large role in the collaboration and became the chair of the collaborative in February 2020. This will help the project maintain sustainability moving forward. In addition, the Recovery Support Specialist position, which was funded through QIC-CCCT, will be transitioned to Community Medical Services (CMS) in Fall 2020 and will be sustained long-term. CMS has agreed to continue to dedicate the staff position to Family Treatment Court's collaboration and systems improvement work groups

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