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Family Treatment Courts: What does the future hold? August 5, 2020

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Welcome

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Family Treatment Courts: A Catalyst for Change

Tessa Richter
Children and Family Futures
Today:
Over 730 children will be removed from their parents

This hour:
30 children will be removed; 5 of these will be babies under age 1

8.7 million children live with a parent with an SUD (NSDUH, 2017)

94,400 children are removed due to parental substance use (AFCARS, 2019)
8,700,000 children

How many children in the child welfare system have a parent in need of treatment?

- Between 60–80% of substantiated child abuse and neglect cases involve substance use by a custodial parent or guardian (Young, et al, 2007)
- 61% of infants, 41% of older children who are in out-of-home care (Wulczyn, Ernst and Fisher, 2011)
- 87% of families in foster care with one parent in need; 67% with two (Smith, Johnson, Pears, Fisher, DeGarmo, 2007)
FTC Model as a Collaborative Solution

Judicial Oversight  +  Comprehensive Services

Drug Court Hearings  +  Therapeutic Jurisprudence  +  Access to Quality Treatment and Enhanced Recovery Support  +  Enhanced Family-Based Services
Family Treatment Courts are more effective than “regular” dependency court case processing at:

- Getting people into treatment faster
- Retaining people in treatment
- Supporting completion of treatment
- Reunifying families
- Reducing children’s time out of home
- Not having children return to care (re-occurrence of neglect or abuse)

Sources: Bruns, et al., 2012; Green, et al., 2007; Lloyd, 2015
A meta-analysis of 16 evaluations examining FTC outcomes found that families that participated in an FTC were two times more likely to reunify than families receiving conventional services.

Source: Zhang, Huang, Wu, Li, & Liu, 2019
495 FTCs – many serving only 5-10% of eligible families

The Need > FTC
“If it works, why is it not working for more children and families? And what happens to those families that are not participating in an FTC – what happens to them?”
One 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.
From bold experiment...
Important Practices of FTCs

- System of identifying families
- Timely access to assessment and treatment services
- Increased management of recovery services and compliance with treatment
- Improved family-centered services and parent-child relationships
- Increased judicial oversight
- Systematic response for participants – contingency management
- Collaborative non-adversarial approach grounded in efficient communication across service systems and court

Can we systematically identify and get parents into treatment sooner and stay in treatment longer?

Can we heal the parent-child relationship?

Can we all work together to achieve desired outcomes?

...to a catalyst for larger systems change
Taking What Works to Serve More Families

FTC – Key Ingredients

Larger Dependency Court System
Statewide System Improvement Program

Expanding the Reach
The Statewide System Improvement Program is more than just an FTC initiative; rather it is about taking on “a new approach” or “new way of doing business” to serving all families involved in the child welfare system affected by parental substance use.
Families Affected by Substance Use Disorders Continuum

- An early system of identifying families in need of SUD treatment
- Timely access to assessment and treatment services
- Timely access to assessment and treatment services
- Family Relationship Therapies
- Evidence-Based Parenting
- New Approach
- Family Treatment Court

Low Need

- Increased judicial oversight
- Collaborative non-adversarial approach and efficient cross-system communication

High Need

- Increased management of recovery services and compliance with treatment
Colorado’s Statewide Initiative to Improve Outcomes for Families

The approach seeks to:

- Increase permanency and safety
- Reduce recidivism
- Support recovery
- Increase judicial responsivity

The approach facilitates:

- Early access to treatment
- Early, ongoing, and increased family engagement
- Increase family and case team communication and information sharing
- Individualized treatment and case processing
- Additional recovery supports
- Increase in services array
Statewide System Improvement Program

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- **Session 1: Why and How**
  - September 9, 2020, 12:00 – 1:30 PM (ET)

- **Session 2: Nuts and Bolts**
  - October - TBD
Thank you.

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