Upstream
Strengthening Children and Families through Prevention and Intervention Strategies: A Court and Community-Based Approach

Upstream provides a court and community-based approach to strengthen families that is proactive, holistic, and focuses on keeping children safely with their families. Developed by the National Center for State Courts, Upstream brings together local stakeholders for a series of action-oriented working meetings. Using an approach informed by the Sequential Intercept Model,* stakeholders collectively map the local child welfare landscape by identifying resources and gaps in services, mapping the processes, and creating an action plan to enhance collaboration within and across systems.

*The Sequential Intercept Model is a framework and tool used to facilitate cross-systems collaborations that reduce the risk of criminal justice system involvement among people with behavioral health needs. Please see the Sequential Intercept Model [website](https://sequentialinterceptmodel.org) for more information.