

Family Treatment

Drug Court Track

Participant Brochure

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Evaluating the Effectiveness of the FTDC Track

Judge Heideman wants to make sure that this track is working and helps families. As part of the process, we would like to hear from you about your experiences and thoughts about the track. You will be asked to answer a survey at several times during your participation on the substance abuse track about your feelings and thoughts of the track. Your responses to these questions are completely confidential. The judge will never know what you say on the surveys—a researcher will collect your responses and remove any identifying information from them. These surveys are just there to help the judge make the substance abuse track work for all families.



Introduction to the Family Treatment Drug Court Track

This substance abuse track is designed to help reunify you with your children while helping you overcome substance abuse or addiction. To reach that goal, this track will involve more frequent meetings with your case manager and the judge.

**MORE
FREQUENT
MEETINGS
WITH**



RESULTS
(REUNITING WITH
YOUR CHILDREN)

Why are you in this track?

Judge Heideman decided to use a separate track for families that have problems with substance abuse. Your family may have been placed on this track because there was an indication of drug involvement in the removal affidavit, drug problems were identified by a case manager in your initial assessment, or your case was transferred from another judge when drug problems came up after adjudication.



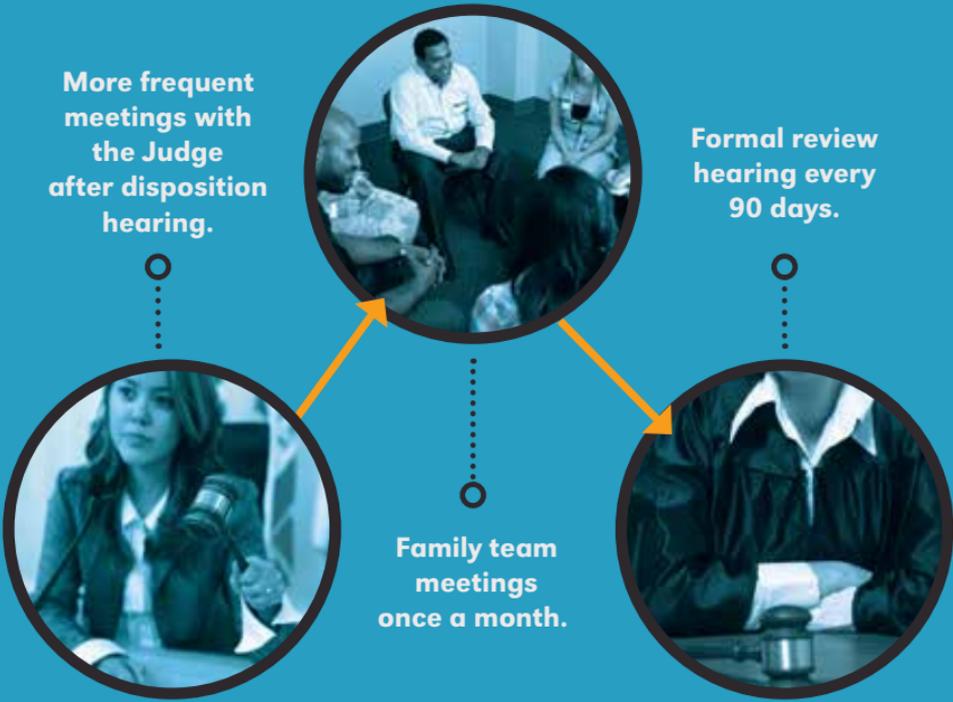
Goals of the FTDC Track

The main goal of this track is to get you reunited with your children. Every person working with you—your attorney, case manager, and even the judge—wants you to reunify with your children in a safe and healthy environment. To do this, the team members will work together to get you connected with the services and resources you need to give your children a safe home.



Difference between the FTDC track and regular juvenile court

The biggest difference between this track and regular juvenile court is that you will have more frequent meetings with the judge after your disposition hearing. You will have a family team meeting once a month with your case manager, attorneys, parent partner, and service providers such as parenting time supervisors. The judge will also join this meeting for the last five or ten minutes. In addition, you will have a formal review hearing every 90 days.



BENEFITS

Of The FTDC Track

You will be assigned a dedicated case manager who only works with families on this track. This case manager will help you get connected to an appropriate substance abuse treatment program and other services you may need. You will get ongoing support and assistance in maintaining contact and reuniting with your children. The more frequent team meetings and review hearings means that the judge and case manager will be aware of your progress towards sobriety every step of the way, and can help reward you for the steps you take to get your children returned to you.

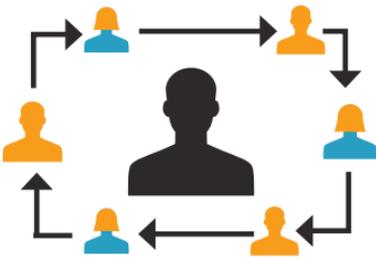


Important People in the FTDC Track

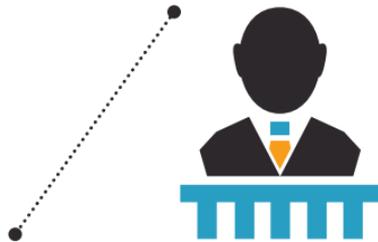
Your attorney will be present at all team meetings and hearings to assist you. Your caseworker will also be present. Your child or children’s guardian ad litem is also an important person. The guardian ad litem represents the children’s best interests and will serve as their voice in the process. Your Parent Partner will also attend with you, and if you would like other support people to be present please consult with your attorney.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Your attorney can help you understand the family team meeting and review hearing process.



As part of the track, you will be required to attend all team meetings and hearings and to obey all of the judge’s orders.



The judge will likely order that you do things like participate in substance abuse treatment, go through evaluations, and submit to drug testing.



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