



Focus on Sustainability

15th Judicial Circuit—Palm Beach County | 5th Judicial Circuit—Marion County | 9th Judicial Circuit—Orange County

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Florida's 15TH Judicial Circuit Palm Beach County Family Treatment Court

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Family Treatment Court

- Family Treatment Court is a voluntary specialty court that uses a family-centered, multidisciplinary approach to serve families with substance use disorders who are involved in the child welfare system in Palm Beach County. It is the mission of Family Treatment Court to provide families with the support and services they need to stabilize the family in a safe and expeditious manner.
- Goals are to
 - decrease safety risk to the children,
 - reunite families before or around 12 months,
 - reduce the probabilities of the children being removed from the parents in the future, and
 - help the parents address their substance use.

Background

- Family Treatment Court in Palm Beach County began in 2010
- 2019 COSSUP Grant
 - Peer Support
 - Child – Parent Psychotherapy Assessments and Collateral
 - Motivational Interviewing Training for the Family Treatment Court Team
 - Initial Team Training
 - Follow-up Trainings

Challenges

- COVID
- Buy-In
- Lack of Referrals
- Team Member Turnover
- Peer Support without Recovery Experience
- Communication
- Housing
- Funding
- Loose Governance and Structure
- Remote Hearings
- Limited Resources for Substance Use

Solutions

- Program Evaluation by Children and Family Futures in 2022
 - Rebranding of FTC
- Motivational Interviewing Training
 - Original Team Training in March 2023
 - Follow-up Trainings in 2023 and 2024
- Reinstitution of Governance
 - Steering Committee
 - Operations Committee
- Communication
 - Improved Relationship with Agencies
 - Interagency Trainings
 - FTC Manual
 - Team To Do List
 - Participant Update Emails
 - Behavior Response Matrix

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Intervention Sustainability

- Motivational Interviewing Training – Follow-Up Training
- Non-Profit Support – Making Every Day Count
- Working with the County on Funding
- Utilizing Office of the State Courts Administrator Problem-Solving Court Funds
- Working with Community Partners to Find Affordable Housing
- Increase Program Visibility
- Continue Sustainability Planning

Questions?

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Florida's 5th Judicial Circuit Marion County Family Treatment Court

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Marion County Courts

- **Marion County boasts 11 Problem Solving Courts, with hopes to continue to grow**
- In addition to the Adult Felony Drug Court that was established in 1997, we have expanded to include:
 - Juvenile Treatment Court
 - Felony Prison Diversion Drug Court
 - Adult Diversion Drug Court with Felony and Misdemeanor tracks
 - Teen Court
 - Juvenile Civil Citation
 - Mental Health Court
 - Veteran's Treatment Court
 - Family Treatment Court (Formerly known as Dependency Drug Court)
 - DUI Court, and
 - Early Childhood Court
- Collectively, these programs have served more than 3000 participants since the program's inception.

Dependency Programs

- The Marion County Family Treatment Court is a partnership between...
 - The Courts
 - Department of Children and Families
 - Guardian Ad Litem Program
 - Kids Central. Inc.
 - The Centers
 - Defense attorneys
 - Other social service programs.
- The Family Treatment Court is designed to get involved in the lives of parents where drug use has been determined with court monitoring, and other resources needed to ensure permanent lifestyle change and hopefully assist in the reunification of parents with their children.

Early Childhood Court

- Early Childhood Court (ECC) works with families of children in the 0–5-year age range who are involved in Dependency Court.
- The program features access to a Community Coordinator who assists in:
 - Coordinating the right services
 - Increased visits between parents and their children
 - Specialized family therapy
 - Monthly team meetings to assist parents with services and celebrate accomplishments
- There are more infants and toddlers in foster care than any other age group. Helping babies now can result in longer healthier lives. Many parents of children in the Dependency System were also in the system as children themselves. Research has shown that the cycle can be broken with early intervention and family support.

Challenges

- Stigma
- Funding
- Provider Availability
- Stakeholder holder buy-in
- Participant buy-in
- Program Restrictions

Evidence Based Interventions

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Circle of Security Parenting (participants in the combined program of FTC/ECC, voluntary for FTC participants)
- Peer Coaching
- Recovery Housing
- Group Sessions (Out-patient & Intensive Outpatient)
- Residential Treatment
- Frequent Court dates with General Magistrate

Data from COSSUP's reach to participants

- Participants served since inception: 70
- Overview of 2023:
 - Participants served: 37 with 83 children
 - Successful completions: 9
 - MAT usage: 2
 - Residential: 1
 - Recovery Housing: 2
 - Child Recidivism: 0
- Overview of 2024 through 6/11/24:
 - Participants served: 22 with 38 children
 - Successful completions: 1
 - MAT usage: 5
 - Residential: 3
 - Recovery Housing: 0
 - Child Recidivism: 0

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Affordability

- For the participants:
 - Offering a sliding scale/Accepting Medicaid
 - Assistance with finding affordable insurance coverage
 - Providers offering program rates versus individual rates
- For the program:
 - Continual push for more dollars
 - State, County, and Grants
 - Financial Integrity

Partnerships

- Establishing relationships with Quality Community Resources
 - Touring facilities & asking questions
 - Community conversations about programs needs and wants
 - Holding professional staffing with providers and community-wide stakeholders' meetings
 - Key partnerships: SUD providers, Peer supports, Sober livings, Residential treatment, housing, employment, emergency shelters, first responders, food pantries, churches
 - Team trainings and team building
 - Transparency and open communication between program and stakeholders

Visibility

- Being *visible* in our community
- Outreach
 - Attending community events and meetings
 - Operating vendor booths
 - Joining our participants in pro-social activities
- Social media presence
- Presence
 - Jail visits
 - Attending shelter hearings
 - Active taskforce members

Q&A

- Future questions/inquiries:
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Florida's 9th Judicial Circuit Orange County Family Dependency Drug Court

Dawn Curtis, Drug Court Coordinator

Orange County Problem Solving Courts

- Consists of:
 - Adult Drug Court
 - Mental Health Court
 - OPI Court
 - Veteran's Treatment Court
 - Family Dependency Drug Court
 - Early Childhood Court

Dependency Programs

- The Orange County Family Dependency Drug Court is a partnership between
 - The Courts
 - Department of Children and Families
 - Guardian Ad Litem Program and Aspire Health Partners
 - FITT program
 - The Centers
 - Defense attorneys
 - Other social service programs
- The Family Treatment Court is designed to get involved in the lives of parents where drug use has been determined with court monitoring, and other resources needed to ensure permanent lifestyle change and hopefully assist in the reunification of parents with their children.

Evidence-Based Interventions

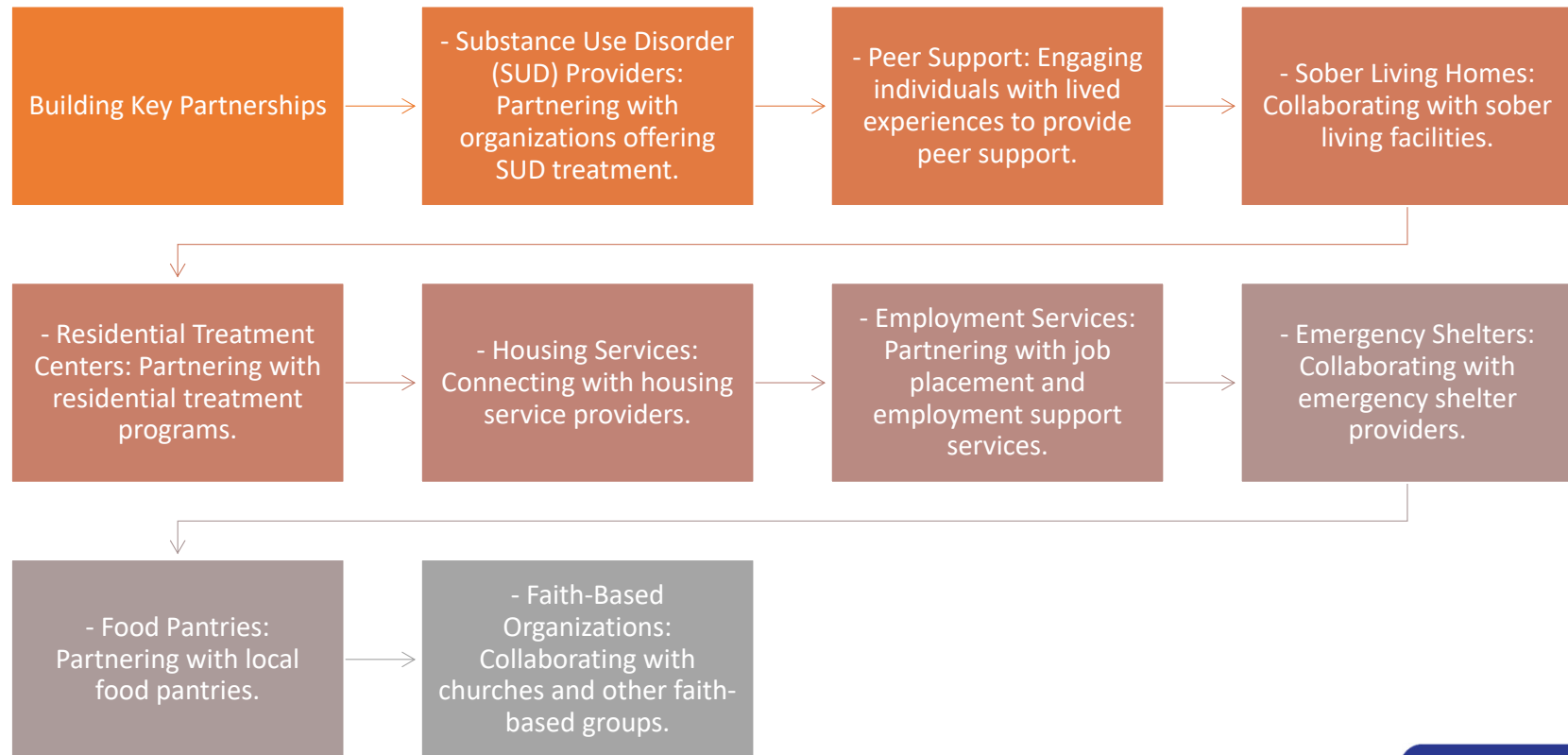
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Recovery Housing
- Group Sessions (Out-patient & Intensive Outpatient)
- Residential Treatment
- Peer Support Specialist
- Frequent Court dates with the Judge

Data from Grants

- Participant Overview
 - Participants served—Peer Support: 27
 - Successful completions: 5
 - MAT usages: 8
 - Residential: 10
 - Recovery Housing: 1
 - Child Recidivism: 0

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Strengthening Community Connections



Team Development and Communication

Training and Team Building: Regular training sessions and team-building activities.



Transparency: Ensuring open and transparent communication between the program and stakeholders.

Q&A

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Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) Resource Center

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COSSUP Resources

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