



## Possible Additional Services

The following wrap around services may also be available:

- Parenting Classes
- Domestic Violence Classes
- Mental Health Counseling
- Pregnancy Support and Education
- Medication Assisted Treatment (if needed): Methadone / Suboxone / Vivitrol
- Adult Educational/Vocational Support
- HIV/AIDS Education and Testing

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is transportation assistance available?  
*Bus passes are available through your Child(ren)'s case manager and/or treatment provider once enrolled.*
2. Can I work and go to treatment?  
*Treatment is a priority. Discuss with the treatment provider hours of classes and group sessions available to meet your needs.*
3. Do I have to do 2 random drug screens per week?  
*Yes, it is a court order that lasts your entire case, including after you complete your treatment and/*

## For More Information:

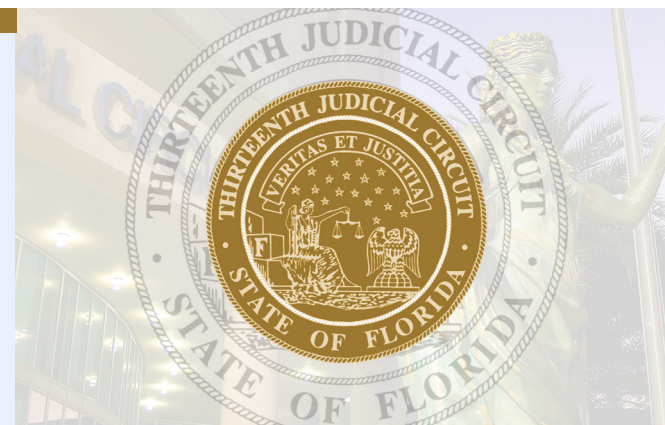
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## Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC)



## Program Overview

The Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) an innovative program that addresses substance abuse problems for parents who are in Dependency Court. The goal of the program is to provide a mechanism to help parents live a drug free life and assume the full responsibilities of parenthood.

A team of professionals work together to support the parents in achieving their goals of successfully completing their court-ordered case plan and reunification.



## Program Eligibility

Participants should meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Be early in the dependency system (after disposition),
2. Have not been in the dependency system multiple times,
3. Confirmed substance abuse,
4. Willingness to participate in the program, and
5. Have a court-ordered case plan where reunification is the goal.
6. Must be a Hillsborough County resident

## Court Requirements

- Random drug screenings twice a week until case is closed
- Comply with established clinically appropriate treatment
- Comply with court orders
- Abstinence from use of alcohol or drugs
- Successful completion of treatment program and case plan
- Attend regular court appearances

## Treatment Description

A multidisciplinary team of court and treatment staff work together to develop an individualized treatment plan that could include these elements:

- Detox Facility
- Outpatient Counseling
- Intensive Outpatient Counseling
- Residential Treatment
- Aftercare/Recovery Support

*\*Length of treatment and level of care is determined by clinical appropriate.*

## Multidisciplinary Team

- **Judge:** Reviews the progress of the court-ordered case plan and orders any necessary incentives, sanctions, and court orders.
- **Drug Court Specialists:** Conducts assessments, provides referrals to treatment, helps engage parent(s), and coordinates services.
- **Treatment Provider:** Reports on compliance or non-compliance in treatment as well as makes recommendations for treatment placement. Current community

providers include COVE, Phoenix House, ACTS, and others as determined feasible.

- **Guardian Ad Litem:** Reports and provides recommendations to the court based on the best interest of the child(ren).
- **Children's Legal Services:** Represents the state's interest specifically as to the child(ren).
- **Regional Counsel/Private Attorney:** Conducts legal proceedings on parent's behalf and informs parent(s) of court proceedings.
- **Child Welfare Case Manager:** Reports on the status on the child(ren) to the court and addresses any concerns related to them.

*\*Every case is different; consult with your attorney about your specific case plan prior to court proceedings with any questions or concerns.*

