

Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) Case Considerations

Please use these questions to determine if a case is appropriate for Family Dependency Treatment Court, if the case has not already been identified by FDTC staff as appropriate from FDTC.

Absolute Requirements

1. Is the case plan goal Reunification?

If the answer is NO, it is not appropriate for FDTC.

2. Are there nine (9) months or more left before the year mark of removal?

If the answer is NO, it is not appropriate for FDTC, unless there is a significant change of circumstances since removal (i.e. removal was not due to substance abuse and a parent recently overdosed on opiates).

3. Does the parent have any pending charges or convictions for a crime of a sexual nature?

If the answer is YES, it is not an appropriate case for FDTC.

Treatment providers will not allow individuals into their residential facilities if they have any pending or convictions in this manner.

4. Is the parent currently listed on the Sex Offender Registry?

If the answer is YES, the parent is not appropriate for FDTC.

****This is not an issue that is specific to FDTC. All approved substance abuse providers will ask this and refuse to treat the parent if the parent is unwilling to modify their prescriptions to non-addictive alternate medications if clinically recommended by the substance abuse provider.**

Recommended Requirements

The recommended response to all of the questions below is No.

1. Has the parent been engaged in FDTC before?

a. If so, how long ago?

It is recommended that parents who have been engaged in FDTC within the last five years not be sent back unless there is a significant change of circumstance (i.e. was sent for abuse of methamphetamine and is now abusing IV heroin)

b. Are the circumstances and/or drug use different?

2. Does the parent have any pending criminal charges?

a. Are they currently in custody?

It is extremely difficult for FDTC to provide services to a parent that is in jail awaiting criminal charges.

b. Are they currently in custody without bond?

c. Are the charges likely to result in a prison sentence if convicted?

3. Does the parent have any previous convictions for violent crimes?

a. If yes, are the convictions 5 years or older?

4. Does the parent have a significant mental history?

5. ****Is the parent prescribed medical marijuana or medication that is on the restricted list?**

a. Are they willing to consider alternative medication/treatment if clinically recommended by the treatment provider?