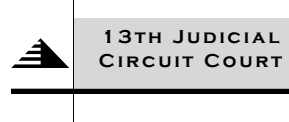


## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

*Mission Statement:* To reduce the negative impact of divorce proceedings on children by identifying appropriate community and court based resources that can offer families the ability to create a positive co-parenting environment for their children.

Family Support Services is a partnership between the 13th Judicial Circuit Court and Success 4 Kids & Families. The partnership was created to assist families with children who are going through a court proceeding. Children can be affected by the changes that occur due to these proceedings. Family Support Services strives to reduce the effects of these proceedings by identifying appropriate court programs and community resources that can help the family during this transition.

Family Support Services looks at the needs of the entire family, with the priority being the needs of the child or children.



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Helping families create a positive co-parenting environment for their children



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## What we do:

- \* Help foster positive communication and cooperation between parents to reduce conflict during divorce proceedings.
- \* Educate and raise awareness of the potential negative impacts of divorce on children.
- \* Reorient parents to act in the best interest of their children by focusing on solutions to presenting issues.
- \* Refer parents to court and community resources and programs designed to assist in resolving issues surrounding divorcing families or assist in reconciliation.

## Services Provided

Both parties meet with a Success 4 Kids & Families therapist. The therapist completes an assessment to determine the needs of the family. The family is given the appropriate referrals for services. These services could include a court or a community program.

We also provide:

- \* **Crisis Intervention**
- \* **Solution Focused Intervention**  
A child-centered, solution-focused meeting that explores techniques in conflict resolution as they relate to positive co-parenting skills. Attendance by both parents is required and may consist of one to four sessions.

## Family Support Services Provides Referrals for a number of issues.

- Mental Health
- Anger
- Depression
- Housing
- Parenting
- Education
- Visitation
- Substance Abuse



Once the assessment is completed and the parties are given referrals, a Status Report is filed so the Judge can be updated on the family's progress.

## How to access services:

- \* A Judge can complete an Order of Referral. The parties are ordered to contact Family Support Services within five days to set up an appointment. These cases are tracked on a Status Report that is filed with the Clerk. This report updates the Judge on each family's compliance and any referrals that were given.
- \* At any time, a family can request assistance with family matters and can be referred to the program by any Judge or Court Employee. These cases are voluntary and are tracked internally.

## Getting Started with your Referrals

When contacting the provider at the number you were given, be sure to have your personal information handy. You will be asking the provider for an appointment to get services started for you or your child. You may be asked for dates of birth or social security numbers. Be sure to include your information regarding insurance or Medicaid.

## My Referrals:

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## My Court Information:

Case # \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

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