

MISSION STATEMENT

Family Dependency Treatment Court will focus on addressing substance abuse while strengthening the family bond and achieving permanency through a court based collaboration of service providers.

OBJECTIVES

- To protect children from abuse and neglect precipitated by the substance abuse of a parent or caregiver.
- To encourage the healing and strengthening of families.
- To develop an integrated, court-based collaboration among service providers who work as a team to achieve safe and permanent placement.
- Parent actively participating in all services
- Support groups as directed

A Collaborative Treatment Program

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Ingham County Prosecutor's Office
Ingham County Department of Human Services

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Ingham County



"Managing addictions—Strengthening families"

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What is the Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC)?

A comprehensive program of services to meet the needs of qualified participants.

A Four Phase program for parents with a substance abuse disorder who are at risk of having their children removed due to abuse or neglect.

Why FDTC?

Nine percent of children, or approximately 6 million, live with at least one parent who abuses drugs or alcohol.

States spend \$24 billion a year to address substance abuse with \$5.3 billion being spent on child welfare costs related to substance abuse.

Drug Courts report retention rates in treatment between 67-71 percent.

Two-thirds of drug court participants complete treatment one year later.



FOUR PHASE PROGRAM

PHASE I → 60 DAYS

- Weekly FDTC reviews
- 3 support groups per week minimum
- Detoxification and/or begin substance abuse treatment
- Drug testing

PHASE II → 120 DAYS

- Substance abuse treatment
- Bi-weekly FDTC reviews
- Drug testing
- Support groups as directed
- Additional services for family, parenting, housing, mental health, employment, etc. may be implemented

PHASE III → 120 DAYS

- Substance abuse treatment continues as directed
- Drug testing
- Parent actively participating in all services
- Support groups as directed
- Monthly FDTC reviews

PHASE IV → 60 DAYS

- Continue substance abuse and mental health counseling as individually required
- Drug testing
- Completing other support services requirements
- Support groups as directed
- Monthly FDTC reviews

REWARDS & SANCTIONS

Regular rewards to encourage success

- Sobriety certificates
- Verbal praise
- Gift certificates (movies, meals, clothing, etc)
- Phase advancement
- Celebrations

Variety of Sanctions

- Phase demotions
- Guided Thought Process
- Essays
- Jury Box Time
- Community Service
- Education Programming
- Jail

Services Available

Substance abuse treatment

- Individual treatment
- Group treatment
- Residential treatment
- Detoxification

Substance abuse testing

Mental health services

Case work services

Counseling services