

Frequently Asked Questions about Family Drug Treatment Court

1. How Is Drug Court Different From What I Am Already Doing?

FDTC is a voluntary program that parents choose to participate in. FDTC is a structured court program that focuses on substance abuse recovery and addresses the needs of the entire family.

FDTC is much more restrictive than regular juvenile court and participants must abide by strict rules to stay in the program. Participants must make frequent court appearances and maintain regular contact with the FDTC Team.

The FDTC Team is a group of professionals who works with the court and your family to help you successfully kick addiction and become better parents.

Our goal for every family is to reunify parents with their children; however, there is no guarantee that you will get your children back simply by participating in the program.

2. Is Family Treatment Court For Me?

If you are ready to change your life and give up drugs and alcohol, then Family Drug Treatment Court can help. FDTC is not an easy way out of 'trouble' or something you can 'finish' in a few months and go back to the lifestyle you had been living. You must be committed to becoming free of substance addiction and want to change your life for good.

3. How Does Family Drug Treatment Court Work?

Parents are usually referred to FDTC by the Department of Social Services, the FDTC Coordinator or the court. The parent immediately enters into a substance abuse treatment program and must comply with all FDTC rules. The program lasts from 12-18 months depending on your progress. Participants advance through three Program Phases and eventually complete the program. As clients move through these phases they are encouraged for positive behaviors or can be sanctioned by the court for negative behaviors.