

REFER A PARENT

A parent may self-refer or any interested party may refer a parent to complete an observation. You can fill out a referral through the QR code link below or contact us via phone or email.



Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/xYheMIRid75>

REUNIFICATION

Parents who graduate (85%) or participate but choose to leave before they can finish the program (79%) with FTC have higher rates of reunification than the general population (54%).



*Pending cases and youth who aged out were excluded.

RESOURCES



Terros Health

Substance Abuse Treatment Provider
Main Line: 602.685.6000
Outreach: 602.685.6058
<https://www.terroshealth.org/>



Averhealth

Substance Use Testing Facilities
Phoenix Central: 480.324.0400
Phoenix West: 520.666.2205
Mesa: 480.565.2130
<https://averhealth.com/locations/>



Maricopa Crisis Line

602.222.9444 or 1.800.631.1314 (toll-free)
Hearing impaired TTY/TDD
1.800.327.9254
<https://crisis.solaris-inc.org/>



Arizona 211

Community Information and Referral Service
<https://211arizona.org/>

FAMILY TREATMENT COURT



Juvenile Department

CONTACT FTC

Durango Juvenile Court Center
3131 West Durango Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85009
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WHAT IS FTC?

The Family Treatment Court (FTC) is a voluntary program for parents in a dependency case with indications of substance use disorder. FTC uses a parallel court model. This means that two judges are engaged in the court process--an FTC judge who works to support you in completing your case plan and ensuring you understand and have access to services for your children and the dependency judge, who will make decisions on your dependency case.

Enrolled parents attend regular FTC hearings and work with an FTC Specialist to set goals to build recovery capital. The ultimate goal is family reunification.

ELIGIBILITY

- In order to participate in FTC, you must:
- Have an open dependency case in Maricopa County that has been open for 12 months or less
 - Have a case plan of remain with family or family reunification
 - Have indications of substance use or substance use disorder as a reason for the dependency case
 - Be willing to complete a substance use disorder assessment by a licensed professional
 - Be willing to sign a release of information with the treatment provider(s)
 - Complete an observation of an FTC hearing

Exceptions to the eligibility criteria can be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the FTC Judicial Officer and FTC team. FTC will not enroll a parent with dependency allegations or criminal convictions for sexual abuse of a child.

PHASES



Phase 1: Seedling

Approximately 1-2 months

This phase is focused on getting used to FTC. We will require you to attend an assessment for substance use disorder (SUD) as quickly as possible after enrollment. Your FTC Specialist will begin coordinating with your Department of Child Safety (DCS) Specialist to understand what DCS is asking you to do (called your case plan) and to ensure regular, consistent family time is arranged for you. Your FTC Specialist will also work with you and DCS to learn about your children's needs and services.



Phase 2: Sprout

Approximately 3-6 months

In Phase 2, you should be engaged in substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. After a period of stability in treatment, we will work with you to add in additional services required in your case plan. It's important to complete services for you and your children in a way that is manageable for you and where you are in your recovery. We will work with you to help you manage what is expected of you. This may be different for each parent, depending on your schedule and responsibilities. Parenting time continues during this phase, and discussion starts on what is needed to safely increase parenting time. This may include thinking creatively about how to increase parenting time.



Phase 3: Roots

Approximately 3-6 months

In Phase 3, roots are beginning to grow that will be critical for your health and long-term recovery. This phase focuses on nurturing and building strong roots of recovery. This is a time for you to start thinking about housing and employment you may need to support yourselves and your children. You may be in various stages of completing case plan services, such as SUD treatment, individual counseling, parenting programs, etc. Any case plan services that have not yet been started should begin, and you should be regularly attending appointments for your children. At this stage, the team should be assessing how to safely move to unsupervised parenting time. You should be building on skills to respond to your child's needs and are making positive choices that support a healthy recovery lifestyle.



Phase 4: Sapling

Approximately 1-3 months

In Phase 4, you may be participating in unsupervised parenting time. Some services may be closing successfully. SUD treatment may be stepping down into lower levels of care, such as recovery maintenance or community support groups. You are building educational or vocational skills and have/exploring stable housing resources. You now have a strong relapse recovery plan you are prepared to use and practice what to do in case of a relapse. If a relapse occurs, you demonstrate use of your plan and take measures to protect your children and manage the relapse safely. You are demonstrating you can respond to your children's needs during parenting time and also participate in your children's services.



Phase 5: Strong Branches & Bark

Approximately 1-3 months

In Phase 5, you may have unsupervised parenting time or may have the children back in your care. You have secured housing and income to support your family. You are done or completing many services, and you are ensuring your children have the support and services they need to succeed. You are demonstrating the skills to respond to your children's needs and to protect them from harm. You have access to and know how to navigate community resources when needs arise. You have started to build a healthy recovery network around yourself.

Graduation!