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Marion County Drug Court Juvenile Family Treatment Court Program

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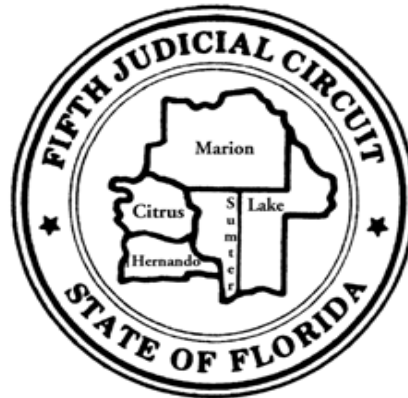
MARION COUNTY

JUVENILE

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JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP:

Honorable Stacy Youmans,
Dependency Judge

Joshua Soileau
General Magistrate

WHAT IS FAMILY TREATMENT COURT?

Marion County Family Treatment Court's main goal is to get parents reunited with their children. Every person working with parent- attorney, case manager, and even the magistrate/judge wants the parent to reunify with their children in a safe and healthy environment. To do this, the team members will work together to get the parent connected with the services and resources needed to give their children a safe home. This program is a partnership between the Courts, the Department of Children and Families, Guardian Ad Litem Program, Kids Central. Inc., defense attorneys, and other social service programs.

Eligibility

Because there was an indication of drug involvement in the removal affidavit, drug problems were identified by a case manager in assessment, it may be in the best interest of a parent, their child(ren), and the State of Florida that the parent participate in the Family Treatment Court Program.

The Program's Participation Agreement outlines additional details and is available for your review.

The Program utilizes a 4-phase plan. The drug court staff is committed to support & assist throughout the reunification plan by connecting the parent with a treatment provider and resources available within the community. Our team monitors participation and movement through phases.

Participants in the Program are encouraged to be accountable and can expect to receive incentives to acknowledge success/progress and therapeutic adjustments to address areas that need improvement.

Incentives and Therapeutic Adjustments

Incentives may include but not be limited to:

- **Decreased court appearances;**
- **Drug Court Team recognition;**
- **Phase Movement;**
- **Entry into gift drawings**

Therapeutic Adjustments may include but not be limited to:

- **Increased court appearances;**
- **Increased drug screens**
- **Increased attendance at treatment meetings;**
- **Self-improvement/writing assignments**

Some of the topics that are covered in treatment include:

Anger Management
Parenting
Healthy Relationships
Life Skills
Trauma
Co-occurring disorders

Phase I-III

(Minimum of 25 weeks)

1. **Court appearances as determined by the court.**
2. **A weekly minimum of two hours of substance abuse counseling or as recommended by treatment provider.**
3. **Frequent and Random drug screens.**
4. **A minimum of three peer support group meetings per week or as recommended by treatment provider/peer coach.**
5. **Comply with any additional treatment as recommended by the treatment provider/team.**
6. **Attend regular case management appointments as directed by the drug court staff.**
7. **Work on completing conditions of case plan.**

Treatment is offered through a local treatment provider. Funding may be available to assist with cost

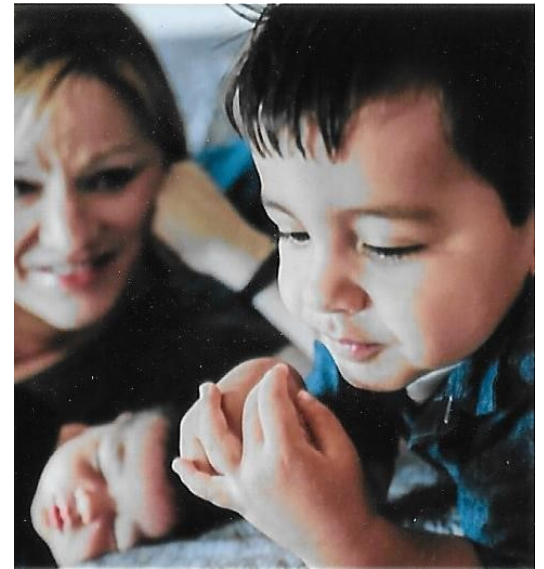
Phase IV

(Minimum of 4 weeks)

1. **Same as phases I-III**
2. **A weekly minimum of two hours of substance abuse counseling or as recommended by treatment provider.**
3. **Parent must maintain a sponsor.**
4. **Strengthening parent's recovery tools.**
5. **Develop a Relapse Prevention Plan and Aftercare Plan.**

GRADUATION

Upon successful completion of all required Phases, there will be a graduation for the client that will include the Judge or General Magistrate, your counselor, case worker and other members of the Drug Court Team.



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