

What is Family Treatment Court?

The 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

In the event there was an indication of drug involvement in the removal affidavit and/or 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 participates in the Family Treatment Court Program. Additional details on this are 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.

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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this program, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance, please contact the ADA coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475, Telephone 352-401-6710. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711

The Marion County Drug Courts do not discriminate against qualified applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, marital status, disability, veteran status or as otherwise prohibited by federal, state or local law.

For more information on Marion County treatment programs scan this QR code.



Marion County Family Treatment Court



Judicial leadership:

Hon. Stacy Youmans,
Dependency Judge

Joshua Soileau
General Magistrate

Incentives & Therapeutic Adjustments

Incentives may include but not be limited to:

- Decreased court appearances.
- Drug Court Team recognition.
- Phase Movement
- Gift Cards
- 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. Complete a Substance Use Assessment and follow treatment recommendations.
3. Frequent and Random drug screens.
4. Connect to peer supports for Recovery Capital Assessment, then one on one coaching and peer groups as recommended.
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. Develop a Relapse Prevention Plan and Aftercare Plan.
3. Must be consistently testing negative for 90 days prior to graduation.

Be Honest.
Show Up.
Try Hard.