

Success Through Addiction Recovery

AN OVERVIEW:

The damage from alcohol and drug misuse impacts all levels of society. Nowhere is this felt more deeply than in the family. Children's lives are forever altered by their parents' addiction; parental substance abuse is a contributing factor in the vast majority of cases opened by Children's Protective Services. And society pays the price in increased costs for health care, social services, and legal services, as well as a continuing cycle of addictive drug use and abused, neglected children.

Family Intervention Court presents a new approach to this long-term problem. The Family Intervention Court will combine the power and authority of the judicial system with comprehensive treatment services to bring about the best possible outcome for affected children. Although it is the parent who will be appearing in court and participating in treatment, the governing factor in all decisions will be what action is in the best interest of the child.

DRUG COURT CRITERIA:

ELIGIBILITY→

1. Participants must be at least 18 years old, with at least one child less than 10 years old.
2. Participants must reside in Harris County.
3. No protective orders in place.
4. No allegations of sexual abuse.
5. The parent has not previously had children removed from care by CPS.
6. Participants must not meet the criteria for violent offenders, as defined by the federal Department of Justice.
7. Participants must not have any pending criminal charges or pending criminal investigations related to the circumstances of CPS involvement.
8. Participants must meet the criteria for an active DSM-IV substance use diagnosis involving the abuse of alcohol, cocaine, marijuana, or prescription medication.
9. Participants must not have a currently active mental disorder that would preclude participation in treatment (i.e., florid psychosis, active suicidal ideation, active mania, etc.).
10. Participants must not have current physical health problems that require ongoing medical care that interferes with treatment participation.
11. Participants must demonstrate sufficient cognitive and emotional capacity to participate appropriately in treatment modalities.

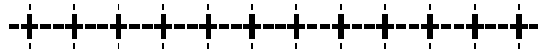


MISSION STATEMENT:

“TO EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN BY OPTIMIZING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RECOVERY AND HEALING OF SUBSTANCE - DEPENDENT PARENTS VIA EARLY INTERVENTION, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT, USING A COLLABORATIVE, MULTI-DISCIPLINARY AND JUDICIALLY SUPERVISED APPROACH TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY WHILE BALANCING UNDERSTANDING WITH ACCOUNTABILITY.”

TARGET POPULATION:

1. Parents in CPS cases filed pursuant to child abuse/neglect wherein the child has been removed from the parents and substance abuse is a significant factor in the abuse/neglect.
2. Parents in violation of custody orders (i.e., non-payment of support, withholding of visitation) where the alleged offending parent's substance use is a significant factor.



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**HARRIS COUNTY DRUG
TREATMENT COURT**

*Productive Parents Supporting
Healthy Children Physically,
Emotionally, and Financially*

**HARRIS COUNTY COURTS TRYING
FAMILY CASES**