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Walworth County Family Treatment Court

Diversion Tier 4 Program
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Welcome

Welcome to the Walworth County Family Treatment Court (FTC). If you are reading this handbook, it means you are considering or enrolled in the Family Treatment Court Diversion Tier 4 Program. You may be thinking about participating or enrolled in the program due to history of substance use (drug and/or alcohol); desire to seek resources and support services to maintain your sobriety; and willingness to engage in resources and support services to promote a safe and secure family environment.

The purpose of this handbook is to provide you with the information you need to be successful in the Family Treatment Court Diversion Tier 4 Program.

Overview

The Walworth County Family Treatment Court is a collaborative effort between the Walworth County Courts, the Walworth County Department of Health & Human Services (WCDHHS), and other agencies. The FTC Diversion Tier 4 Program was developed for parent(s) and their child/children to offer an alternative to formal court involvement and on a voluntary basis. The diversion program could involve parents and children who have had screened out reports, services reports, or cases closed as "safe" after the initial assessment. Although not court involved, the purpose of the program remains the same as traditional Family Treatment Court Tier 1, 2, or 3 Programs; to provide you with the services and support you need to maintain sobriety and provide a safe and secure environment for your child/children. The case plan, needs, and services will be identified based on your individual needs. Most services are provided free of charge or billed through your insurance provider.

Participants are requested to enroll in substance abuse and/or mental health treatment (i.e. Functional Family Therapy-FFT, individual, and/or group therapy); potentially participate in other services like Celebrating Families!, (a 16-week, evidenced-based family support group); and submit to optional, random drug testing. The Family Treatment Court Coordinator, functioning in the capacity as a case manager and liaison to services, will monitor your adherence with these recommendations. The Family Treatment Court Coordinator will work with you on identifying your strengths as parent(s) and a family unit to develop your unique treatment goals and address challenges.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Walworth County Family Treatment Court is to provide substance abuse treatment in a non-adversarial setting distinct and separate from the traditional criminal and juvenile justice systems. Family Treatment Court provides a comprehensive approach to individuals whose substance use has impacted their family. The central focus of the program is on treatment and recovery; however, the ultimate goal of the program is to help participants make changes in all aspects of their lives in order to achieve and sustain permanence and stability for their family.

Eligibility Criteria

To be determined eligible for Family Treatment Court Diversion Tier 4 Program, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have a pattern or history of alcohol and/or drug use.
- Have some level of child welfare involvement
- Be willing to accept support services to address substance use disorder concerns.
- Meet with the Family Treatment Court Coordinator to complete an intake assessment and continued monitoring in order to assist in maintaining sobriety.

FTC Diversion Tier 4 Program Team Members

Team members may include:

- You (identified as the FTC participant)
- Family Treatment Court coordinator(s) (role as assigned case manager and liaison to services)**,**
- Family Treatment Court supervisor(s),
- Behavioral health clinician(s) and support staff, and
- contracted staff representative(s)

The Family Treatment Drug Court Coordinator will be your primary contact person during your involvement in the diversion program, and function much like an assigned case manager. However, all members of the diversion program FTC team will play a role, and all are committed to your success in the program.

Program Basics

By following a few basic guidelines, you can greatly increase your chances of maintaining sobriety and continued enrollment in the diversion program.
A few suggestions:

- Comply with the requirements of your WCDHHS behavioral health treatment plan.
- Be honest! It will help you to get the most out of your treatment and services.
- Stay in touch with your Family Treatment Court Coordinator and behavioral health clinicians. Be sure they always have a current address and telephone number in case they need to reach you.
- Be as organized as possible. You will need to keep track of meetings and appointments. A calendar or planner is very helpful.

Confidentiality

State and Federal laws require that your identity and privacy be protected. In response to these regulations, the FTC has developed procedures that guard your privacy. You will be asked to sign an Authorization for Release of Information. This authorization is for the sole purpose of coordinating services and reports concerning your FTC case.

Drug Testing

Random drug and/or alcohol screening is a very important part of the program and helps keep you accountable to your sobriety. While drug use is typically monitored through urine and/or breath testing, you may also be requested to submit to other types of testing, including saliva tests (swabs). You may be asked to adhere with testing requested by the Family Treatment Court Coordinator.

Assessments

The Walworth County FTC is continuously working on ways to improve the quality of the program for all participants. Therefore, it is important that the FTC team complete assessments with FTC participants to evaluate their individual progress and the progress of the program. These assessments will primarily be completed by meeting with the FTC Coordinator, and will occur at the initial intake appointment, at a 6 month follow up appointment, and upon discharge from the program. There are several other short assessments that participants will be asked to complete every 3 months to track individual progress. Participants are eligible to receive a $20 gift card upon completion of the 6 month follow up and discharge assessments. Participation in all assessments is voluntary.

Voluntary Withdrawal

Participants may voluntarily withdraw from the program at any time by notifying the Family Treatment Court Coordinator.

Termination from the Program

While every member of the FTC team is committed to helping you successfully continue to be enrolled in the program, there are certain events that can result in termination. The following are reasons for possible termination from the FTC Diversion Tier 4 Program:

- You become family court (e.g. CHIPS, IDA, Decent Decree, etc.) involved. ***Note:** *Requirement for further assessment as may be eligible to transition to Family Treatment Court Tier 1, 2, or 3 Programs*.
- You voluntarily request to leave the program.
- You fail to respond to outreach within 30 days of last contact.
- You are determined to have a condition that would prevent you from participating in or achieving benefits from the FTC program.
- A pattern of noncompliance that suggests you are either unable or unwilling to abide by program recommendations.

Contact Information

If you're interested in becoming a part of our program or just have additional questions about the Walworth County Family Treatment Court, please contact 262-741-3200 and ask to speak with the Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services Family Treatment Court Coordinator.

My Family Treatment Court Coordinator:
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SEM Office: 262-723-4849
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Web Check In: mycallin.com
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