

Huron County Family Dependency Treatment Court

Mission Statement

The mission of the Family Dependency Treatment Court of Huron County is to serve the best interests of children, by providing collaborative evaluation and treatment services for substance abusing parents who have lost, or are at risk of, losing custody of their children to abuse, neglect or dependency. These intensive services will improve the mental health of parents and the well-being of their children through intervention and treatment in a holistic, strength-based, community-supported justice system.

What are the benefits of participation in the Family Dependency Treatment Court Program?

Services include, but are not limited to: immediate access to mental health and/or substance abuse therapeutic services, and immediate inclusion into evidence-based treatment. Clients eligible, but who will not voluntarily enter, comply, and/or complete, the Family Dependency Treatment Court of Huron County Program may experience loss or transfer of custody of their children. By complying with, and successfully completing the program, parent(s) are more likely to secure reunification with their child(ren). Clients who choose not to participate in our program are offered the opportunity of receiving some of the available services that participants are receiving. Most services, due to limited resources, are only available to Family Dependency Treatment Court of Huron County participants.

How do I enter the Family Dependency Treatment Court Program?

You must be screened for eligibility by the Family Dependency Treatment Court Coordinator.

Basic Eligibility Requirements Include:

- Must be an adult of Huron County;
- A parent/guardian of child(ren) whom Huron County Children Services has filed a complaint of abuse, neglect, or dependency;
- You must obtain a clinical assessment screening by a certified provider and be assessed as being drug and/or alcohol dependent and because of this dependency;
- You must review Participant Handbook and agree to all program rules;
- If accepted, the Treatment Team makes recommendation to enter into the program;
- A Court hearing is scheduled to formally enter into the program;
- With your Attorney (if applicable), you will review the Participant Agreement and sign, agreeing to all program rules.

What will I be required to do if I choose to participate?

This program gives the participant the ability and opportunity to make the changes necessary in their lives in order to make a healthier environment for their families to grow.

The program has 4 phases, with progression through the phases based on performance in the treatment plan and upon compliance with phase requirements.

The phases have common elements that include:

- Beginning treatment as soon as possible and thereafter attend as required
- Submitting to random and frequent urine screens
- Attending sober support group meetings
- Complying with ongoing case management services
- Reporting for status review hearings held on Thursday afternoons
- Complying with supervision requirements as identified by the Court

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