

Child Protective Services (CPS)
Cases
in the
Tarrant County
Family Drug Court (FDC)

Documentation

<p><u>Family Drug Court Cases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPS Family Plan of Service• Order of Acceptance into Family Drug Court• Drug Screening Contact• Notice of Involvement in Tarrant County Family Drug Court• Family Drug Court Parent Handbook• FDC weekly narratives• CPS monthly narratives	<p><u>CPS Cases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPS Family Plan of Service• CPS monthly narratives
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Court Hearings

<p><u>Family Drug Court Cases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clients see the SAME judge• In addition to standard legal hearings, bi-weekly FDC judicial reviews at the beginning of the case, then monthly until 1 year• The Judge holds judicial staffings with case managers before each court session	<p><u>CPS Cases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clients see multiple judges for legal hearings (show cause, status, permanency reviews, final hearing)
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Case Management

Family Drug Court Cases

- FDC Intensive Case Manager (ICM)
- CPS Caseworker
- FDC Supervisor facilitating weekly team meetings
- Ongoing contact by CPS caseworker and ICM with other case managers
- Other case managers join the team meetings and/or judicial staffings

CPS Cases

- CPS Caseworker contacts other case managers individually
- No formal team approach to staffing substance abuse cases
- Clients see CPS caseworker as making all of the decisions, where they see the drug court ICMs and FDC supervisor as "CPS neutral parties"

Substance Abuse Treatment

Family Drug Court Cases

- Require minimum 30 days inpatient treatment
- Time to treatment: in treatment or on waiting list when admitted to FDC
- NA sponsor and meetings required

CPS Cases

- CPS caseworker recommends, but client chooses treatment
- Client may choose outpatient over inpatient
- Time to treatment: client choice
- NA sponsor and meetings recommended

Drug Testing

Testing May Vary Among CPS Regions

Family Drug Court Cases

- 2 lab UAs a month
- Field UAs and breathalyzer testing
- Oral swab testing
- Hair strand testing throughout the case

CPS Cases

- 1 lab UA a month
- Caseworker may request hair strand test before reunification

Client's Health

Family Drug Court Cases

- ICM works with client to see all health issues addressed
- All clients are signed up for county health care (JPS connection)
- All clients screened by MHMR; ICMS work with clients on understanding the importance of medication management

CPS Cases

- CPS caseworker recommends, but client choice to engage in health services

Occupational Support

Family Drug Court Cases

- ICMs ensure that clients are referred to Department of Assistance and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) for an intake appointment
- ICMs follow up to ensure clients stay connected with DARS
- DARS services continue after FDC and CPS cases are closed

CPS Cases

- Recommended by CPS, but client choice to engage in DARS services

Family Visits

Family Drug Court Cases

- First Month: 2 hrs/wk
- Month 2, 3, 4: 4 hrs/wk
- First 4 months: 56 hrs
- Weekend transition visits
- Additional visits as incentives
- Visits generally end at month 4-5 when reunification occurs

CPS Cases

- Throughout the case: 1 hr/wk
- 52 hours of visitation time in one year
- Reunification generally do not start until month 12

Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)

Family Drug Court Cases

- ECI has a professional assigned to FDC
- ECI conducts a thorough assessment with the child, foster parent, and parent for all FDC children age 3 and under
- ECI services are provided to the children, foster parents, and biological parents
- ECI services continue as a family support after FDC and CPS cases are closed

CPS Cases

- CPS sends referrals for all children to be screened at foster home
- Generally, only foster parents will work with ECI on any recommended services
- Caseworker will provide updates to parents

Responses and Rewards

Family Drug Court Cases

- Consistent judicial praise or responses
- Formally presented at court
- Framed certificates
- Tickets and fishbowl drawings

CPS Cases

- Caseworker, CPS supervisor, or attorneys provides praises or responses or judges at the judicial reviews

Foster Care Savings

- Non-FDC case: child typically in foster care an average of 15 months
- FDC case: child typically is in foster care 4 months
- Approximate monthly foster care rate \$500 per month.
- Foster care savings: \$5,500 per child

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