

Family Dependency Treatment Court Grant- Overview of Grant Project

Grant Timeline: 36 months (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2023)

Total Award Amount: *Total Grant Costs: \$2,333,334 (Total Federal \$1,750,000, Total Match \$583,334)

Project Goal: Oregon's State Court Administrator will provide statewide, coordinated support for the Oregon Family Dependency Treatment Courts (FDTC) to more effectively intervene with parents and children affected by substance use/mental health disorders who are involved in the child welfare system to 1) reduce the length of time that children of parents involved in FDTCs spend in foster care, and 2) improve the well-being of families participating in FDTCs.

Over an ambitious three-year timeline and through the use of regular data evaluation, the Oregon Judicial Department will improve the referral process for parents involved in the child welfare system, better collaborate with system partners to ensure the provision of treatment services are available and timely, and improve outcomes for children and families by reducing the length of time children are in foster care and increasing the number of parents who achieve and maintain sobriety.

Project Budget:

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
STAFF:	\$318,418	\$337,994	\$353,768
Statewide FDTC Coordinator (Analyst 4)	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
FDTC Management Assistant (MA 2)	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
Assistant Legal Counsel	0.5 FTE	0.5 FTE	0.5 FTE
Juvenile Program Manager	0.25 FTE	0.2 FTE	0.2 FTE
Plan B Judge Coverage	16 DAYS	46 DAYS	46 DAYS
TRAVEL:			
National conference, AC meetings, etc.	\$0	\$84,432	\$84,468
EQUIPMENT:	\$8,972	\$0	\$0
SUPPLIES:	\$4,722	\$4,722	\$4,722
TRAINING:	\$4,208	\$4,208	\$4,208
SUBGRANTS to SERVICE PROVIDERS:	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000

Project Objective: This project will allow the State Court Administrator to hire a statewide FDTC coordinator who will achieve the following goals: 1) create consistency across the FDTCs to provide equal access to justice, 2) ensure adherence to research-based best practices and recommendations, 3) facilitate greater collaboration with system partners in child welfare and substance abuse treatment, 4) provide technical assistance to FDTC staff and judges, 5) monitor FDTCs progress and achievement through continuous quality improvement, 6) advocate for additional support for FDTCs, 7) increase participation in the FDTCs, and 8) create a model for the expansion of the FDTC program to additional counties in Oregon.

Deliverables:

Create Consistency Across FDTCs to Provide Equal Access to Justice

- The statewide FDTC coordinator will plan regular statewide trainings for FDTC staff and system partners to learn from best practices in the field as well as from each other
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will establish and staff a FDTC Advisory Committee, comprised of FDTC staff and judges as well as system partners, to provide oversight of FDTC policies and procedures, evaluate data, and establish priorities for continuous quality improvement
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will ensure that regular peer reviews are occurring, and are based on best practices for peer reviews
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will work closely with the FDTC staff and judges in each of the eight courts to ensure consistency in their policies and procedures so that the courts are using the same criteria and processes for referring, screening, admitting, and serving clients in the FDTCs

Ensure Adherence to Research-Based Best Practices and Recommendations

- The statewide FDTC coordinator, working with the Advisory Committee, will integrate the newly released Family Dependency Treatment Court Best Practice Standards with Oregon's current specialty court standards to create standards specific to FDTCs
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will provide technical assistance and training on the new FDTC standards, ensuring that all courts are maintaining fidelity to these standards
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will continuously evaluate the efficacy of these standards on FDTC practice and outcomes, and will provide technical assistance to courts as needed

Facilitate Greater Collaboration with System Partners in Child Welfare and Substance Abuse Treatment

- The statewide FDTC coordinator will have regular contact with Child Welfare Central Office and with the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission and other SUD treatment providers to better align initiatives, priorities, and standards
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will plan regular statewide trainings for FDTC staff and system partners to collaborate and work together
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will establish and staff an Advisory Committee, comprised of OJD and system partners, that will provide oversight of FDTC policies and procedures, evaluate data, and establish priorities for continuous quality improvement

Provide Technical Assistance to FDTC Staff and Judges

- The statewide FDTC coordinator will write and/or revise data entry protocols for the SCMS system to ensure that all needed data is entered into the system in a consistent manner
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will provide technical assistance to FDTC staff on data entry protocols to the SCMS to ensure that all FDTCs are entering the same data in the same manner
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will provide technical assistance to FDTC staff, judges, and system partners on a wide array of topics, utilizing data and best practice research

Monitor FDTCs' Progress and Achievement Through Continuous Quality Improvement

- The statewide FDTC coordinator will provide CQI to improve outcomes

Advocate for Additional Support for FDTCs

- The statewide FDTC coordinator, through implementation of the objectives of this grant project, will strengthen the FDTC model in Oregon and will advocate for expansion of the FDTCs into other judicial districts in Oregon

Increase Participation in the FDTCs

- The statewide FDTC coordinator will conduct outreach with juvenile attorneys, case managers, judges, and others about the benefits of FDTCs and bring them in as partners on this project.
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will assist the FDTCs in developing consistent referral, screening, and eligibility processes for FDTC clients.

Create a Model for the Expansion of the FDTC Program to Additional Counties in Oregon

- The statewide FDTC coordinator will use the statewide case management systems to gather data on identified performance measures and will provide continuous performance monitoring and evaluation of the FDTCs
- The statewide FDTC coordinator will develop and disseminate regular data reports on the FDTCs and progress towards the identified outcomes