FY 2025-2026 Fact Sheet Family Treatment Court



About FTC

The West Virginia Family Treatment Courts (FTC) are a cooperative effort of the Circuit Court, Child Protective Services, and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers, as well as anyone involved in the welfare of children in the foster care system.

Vision

The Vision of the Family Treatment Courts is to strengthen West Virginia children and families through recovery, resiliency, and permanency.

Mission

The Mission of Family Treatment Courts is to partner with families and communities to provide guided supports through immediate interventions that facilitate attachment, family empowerment, recovery, and reunification to ensure the safety, well-being, and permanency of West Virginia families.



Boone, Cabell, Calhoun, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Logan, Marshall, McDowell, Nicholas, Ohio, Raleigh, Randolph, Roane, Tyler, Wetzel, Wood, & Wyoming.

Counties Served

Over 2,000 parents & children served since inception & still counting.

Individuals Served

Stephanie Bond, Director of Probation Services

Kaylee Dickenson, State Drug Court Coordinator

Katie White, State FTC Specialist

Supreme Court of Appeals of WV Division of Probation Services



- Assist parents with accessing substance use disorder treatment in a timelier manner.
- Return children home and reunifying them at a potentially faster rate than traditional abuse and neglect court proceedings.
- Ensure fewer children experience subsequent maltreatment and return back to foster care.



FTC Program Structure

FTC is structured in five milestones, which includes a 90-day aftercare program. Referrals can be submitted by the parent, Judges, attorneys, GALS, treatment/service providers, CPS, and anyone else who has direct knowledge of that parent's SUD and JA involvement.

Components of FTC include:

- Intensive court monitoring,
- Frequent/random/observed drug testing,
- Regular case management,
- Individualized case planning & SUD treatment,
- · Court appearances, and
- Frequent parenting time.



Participant Eligibility

FTC Participants are individuals involved in active child abuse/neglect (JA) proceedings in Circuit Court, adjudicated an abusing/ neglectful parent, granted a post-adjudicatory improvement period, and met the clinical criteria for a substance use disorder.