

Expanding and Enhancing the FTC Program



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HILLSDALE COUNTY FAMILY
TREATMENT COURT**

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Population: approximately 46,101

117 active abuse/neglect cases
(already under the jurisdiction of
the court)

85% are substance abuse related (in
2015 all 12 participants reported
heroin and/or methamphetamine as
their primary drug of choice).

Goals:

To sustain and expand the HFTC
program services

To explore and implement MAT

To protect children of substance
abusing parents

Develop positive support networks
in the community

To provide for permanence for
children by increasing parental
capacity to provide long-term safety
and well being for their children.



Judge's Role



- **Hire the right people**
- **Give them the tools**
- **Educate them**
- **Understand your community's needs**
- **Collaborate**

Grant Seeking



- **What grants are available?**
- **Know the trends**
- **Have your finger on the pulse**
- **Attend State Conferences**
- **Educate yourself/stay current**
- **Medically assisted treatment**

Sustaining Success



- **Monitor your program**
- **Involve a professional evaluator**
- **Do exit interviews**
- **Use the information obtained to improve your program**
- **Learn from your mistakes**
- **Strive to improve (or Don't rest of your laurels!)**

Expanding Hillsdale FTC Program



- Grant funding opportunities-Community Foundation, OJJDP, SCAO
- Referrals
- Other sobriety/drug courts

MAT Opportunities



- OJJDP grant funding has allowed new opportunities
- \$15,125.00 per year to assist participants with MAT
- Bringing MAT options to Hillsdale County
- SA Coalition collaboration

MAT Buy In



- What are you doing in your community to educate and create awareness?
- Prosecutors office
- Law Enforcement
- Hospitals/Physician groups
- Community

Know Your MAT



- Methadone
- Suboxone/Subutex
- Vivitrol
- MAT Success/Failures –monitoring regular screening, therapeutic levels, counting medications, signed waivers for constant communication

Trauma-Informed Recovery System



- Trauma Assessment Process
- Collaboration with Hillsdale County Assessment Services
- Funding prior to OJJDP grant-services, ACES
- \$20,000 budgeted per year with OJJDP for trauma assessments for each participant and children
- Collaborating with HCAS to receive prompt and timely assessments to follow recommendations throughout the program.

Peer Supports/Recovery Coaches



- OJJDP funding has allowed the opportunity for the FTC program to hire a Peer Recovery Coach.
- Peer Recovery coach roles and responsibilities
- Alumni program for FTC in progress with new grant funding.

Collaborative Relationships with Community Partners



- Collaboration of the FTC team-Probate Court Judge, case manager, DHHS, prosecutors office, mental health services, family therapy services, law enforcement, SA coalition, HSN, Community Foundation
- Coordination with outside agencies to provide appropriate services
- Coordination with local church to provide Wellness class.

Sustainability



- Coordinating with treatment providers who are willing to bill Medicaid.
- Continuing to seek local and federal funding sources.
- Collaboration with Hillsdale Community Foundation and Hillsdale County Substance Abuse Coalition.
- Ongoing case evaluation –yearly data evaluation.