



SUD Resource Mapping for Family Treatment Courts

Strengthening Collaboration Across SUD Providers, Child Welfare, & Courts

Short Activity Prompts

- **Prompt 1 — What slows your families down?**
 - Name 2–3 points in the process where families "get stuck."
Example: ROI delays, waitlists, missing documentation, unclear expectations.
- **Prompt 2 — What information do you never get soon enough?**
 - Treatment updates? Attendance? Screening results? Care plan changes?
- **Prompt 3 — What program or service bottlenecks affect most parents in your FTC?**
- **Prompt 4 — Which partners do you communicate with most? Least? Why?**
- **Prompt 5 — What's one small change that would make a big difference?**
 - (E.g., shared referral list, routine staffing with provider agency, standard language about relapse.)

Why Resource Mapping for FTCs?



- Resource mapping helps child welfare agencies understand what SUD services exist, where they are located, who they serve, and how families can access them
 - So, the right support reaches the right family at the right time
- FTCs rely on fast, accurate information and coordinated services
- Families face barriers across multiple systems
- Mapping reveals gaps, duplications, and opportunities for smoother pathways

The Goal: Identify 2–3 actionable improvements per FTC team



Key Challenge Areas

- Information Sharing & ROI
- SUD Expertise & Harm Reduction
- Service Access & Navigation
- Court & Policy Misalignment
- Culture, Stigma & Workforce Well-Being

Information Sharing & ROI



Key Challenges:

- Incorrect/incomplete ROIs
- Different forms across agencies
- Staff turnover causes lapses
- Slow communication channels

SUD Expertise, Harm Reduction & Safety



Key Challenges:

- Confusion around relapse
- Misaligned roles (providers asked to assess child safety)
- Limited shared knowledge of harm reduction

Service Access & System Navigation



Key Challenges:

- Long waitlists
- Limited residential & family-based programs
- Housing shortages
- Rural/tribal gaps
- Father-specific barriers

Courts, Legal Framework & Policy



Key Challenges:

- Differing interpretations of statutes
- Task-based vs. behavior-based compliance
- Disagreement on orders

Culture, Stigma & Workforce



Key Challenges:

- Stigmatizing language
- Abstinence-only norms
- Persistent burnout



Today's Activity

Quick Resource Mapping (30 minutes):

- Identify current resources in each category that you currently rely on
- Identify current gaps/barriers/confusions in each category
- Identify 2 resources that need stronger partnership, opportunities for shared learning
- Pick 1–2 priority improvements for your FTC this year
- [SUD Resource Mapping for FTCs](#) Padlet



Next Steps:

- Compile Notes and Padlet information
- Next time:
 - Finish Padlet if needed
 - Dive into the practical improvements
 - Make a plan and pick accountability partners

Information Sharing & ROI



FTC Opportunities:

- Promote *universal* or “FTC-approved” ROIs with partners
- Standardize renewal workflow at key court dates
- Build provider agreements for timely information sharing

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FTC Opportunities:

- Map provider capacity & eligibility rules
- Build “priority referral” agreements where possible
- Identify biggest access problems and elevate them to county/state partners
- Integrate peer navigation into FTC operations where funding exists

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FTC Opportunities?

- Create bench cards summarizing evidence-based recovery expectations
- Promote behavioral markers of recovery (vs. “checklist” compliance)
- Facilitate cross-system clarification of referral rules
- Get judicial partners aligned on SUD timelines

Culture, Stigma & Workforce



FTC Opportunities?

- Shift language (“positive/negative screens” instead of “clean/dirty”)
- Train on trauma-informed, shame-reducing court interactions
- Highlight recovery success stories at staffing meetings
- Prioritize wellness practices among court partners