

# Core Components

1. Comprehensive case management, services, and support for families. A specialized court social worker is assigned to each family to provide additional support and resources.
2. Early identification, screening, and assessment which provides the greatest opportunity to fully meet the comprehensive needs of parents and families affected by substance use disorders (SUDs) that come to the attention of the child welfare system.
3. The Family Treatment Recovery Calendar operational team applies therapeutic responses (e.g., child safety interventions, treatment adjustments, complementary service modifications, incentives, and sanctions) to behavior to help:
  - Improve parent, child, and family functioning;
  - Ensure children's safety, permanency, and well-being;
  - Support participant behavior change; and
  - Promote participant accountability.
4. Frequent court appearances to monitor progress and identify gaps and/or barriers to reunification so challenges can be addressed as needed.

## Family Treatment Recovery Calendar

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Chief Judge

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Family Treatment Recovery  
Calendar meets on Tuesdays and  
Thursdays



## Family Court

## Family Treatment Recovery Calendar



### Location

Garrahy Judicial Complex  
5th floor - Courtroom 5J  
One Dorrance Plaza  
Providence, RI 02903

## Purpose and Eligibility

- The Family Treatment Recovery Calendar (FTRC) ensures that children, parents, and family members receive comprehensive services that meet the respective assessed needs and promote sustained family safety, permanency, recovery, and well-being.
- The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) social workers, FTRC social workers, attorneys, treatment, and other service providers are encouraged to collaborate with participants to develop a case plan that supports the client's recovery goals.

**Although FTRC is a four-phase program, reunification can happen at any phase.**

## Court Appearances

### Phase One:

FTRC hearings are every two (2) weeks.

### Phase Two:

FTRC hearings every two (2) to three (3) weeks.

### Phase Three:

FTRC hearings are monthly.

### Phase Four:

FTRC hearings are every four (4) to six (6) weeks.

## Expectations

**Throughout all four (4) phases, participants are expected to:**

- Participate in the FTRC court hearings;
- Complete consecutive weekly, random supervised toxicology screens;
- To cooperate with all court orders and DCYF case plan goals such as substance use treatment, parenting classes, and mental health treatment; and
- Maintain contact with the DCYF social worker and FTRC social worker and sign all necessary releases.

**To graduate, you must have:**

- Six (6) months or more of abstinence as evidenced by clean toxicology screens;
- Completion of substance use treatment and other service programs;
- Stable housing for the family;
- Safe reunification with an individualized safety plan;
- Any other individual requirements in the case plan or ordered by the court; and
- During the fourth and final phase:
  1. An aftercare plan will be developed; and
  2. Participants will graduate from the FTRC.

## What Participants are saying about the Family Treatment Recovery Calendar

- “Everyone listened to what I had to say and respected me.”
- “[T]hey are helping me get my daughter home!”
- “[They] believed in me, and I was always given the benefit of the doubt.”
- “It helped me rethink my direction [in] life.”
- “The compassionate staff . . . they always tried for me even when I was down.”
- “I only had to ask for services once and [they were] right on top of it.”
- “[They are] very easy to talk to and always make you feel good about succeeding.”
- “[They] stood by me and believed in me when I didn't believe in myself.”

### Restrictions

While the final decision for admission to the court rests with the judicial officer, the following issues generally preclude participation:

- Those facing criminal child abuse or neglect charges related to a DCYF petition are not eligible except in the discretion of the court.
- Those with sex offender allegations and/or adjudicated status are not eligible; and/or
- Parents with severe cognitive limitations or significant mental health concerns generally do not meet the criteria.