

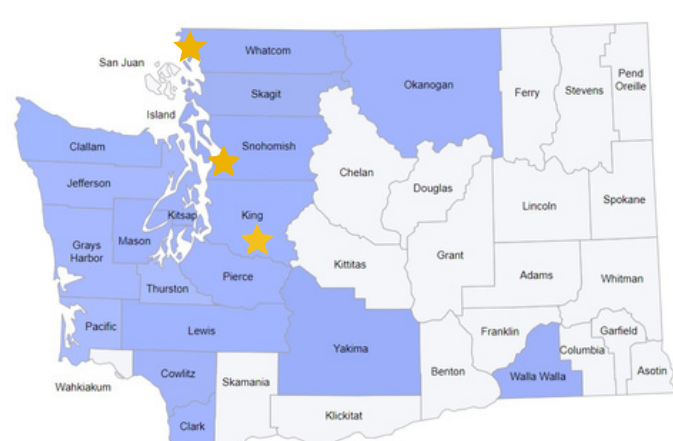


Administrative Office of the Courts Continue Family Treatment Court Team 2023 Budget Request

The Need <<<

Half (48%) of children in dependency court were removed because of a parent's Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

- These families often experience:
- Poorer case outcomes
 - Children less likely to reunify
 - More time spent in foster care
 - Higher rates of termination of parental rights



20 FTCs operate in 19 counties
3 Tribes have Family Healing to Wellness Courts

! Washington has experienced significant increases in Fentanyl-related overdoses and deaths

>>> Family Treatment Courts

- Family Treatment Courts (FTCs) address the needs of the whole family through a strengths-based, team approach.
- FTCs that utilize best practices produce considerably better reunification outcomes and parent treatment results than conventional court and child welfare services.

Before AOC's federal grant program, FTCs lacked coordinated training and data, and access to reliable funding

AOC's Three-Year Federal Grant 2020-23

Training & Technical Assistance

- Best practices trainings for 450 individuals
- Role-specific practice improvement groups for FTC team members
- [Online training modules](#)

Data & Quality Improvement

- All FTCs completed National Evaluation of Family Treatment Courts
- Court observation and feedback for all
- FTC performance measures disaggregated by race and gender

System Change

- FTC Steering Committee addresses barriers to treatment and housing
- Work with HCA and DCYF to improve access to treatment and data
- Exploring stable funding for local FTCs

Equity & Access

- Focus on increasing engagement and enrollment of BIPOC families
- Training and resources for rural FTCs

Federal grant ends September 2023 - sustainable funding required to maintain AOC's important statewide FTC work.

Future of this Work

- >>> Add lived expertise to AOC's FTC Team to improve family engagement and equitable outcomes
- >>> Evaluate FTCs to identify effective treatment, services, supports, and court practices
- >>> Based on what we learn, expand use of court teams to improve outcomes for all families in dependency courts

Proposed Funding

Annual Cost:
\$1,043,800
(with additional \$24,000 start-up costs in FY24)

FY 24-25 Biennium - \$2,111,600
FY 26-27 Biennium - \$2,087,600

Statewide FTC Team staffing costs: \$813,000 annually

- Program Manager
- Researcher
- Trainer
- Lived Expert/Peer Support Specialist
- Administrative Assistant

Contracts - \$77,000 annually

- Lived experts for training and statewide steering committee
- Web design

Travel and training - \$100,000 annually

- Travel for court observation and conferences
- Training costs

Grants to local FTCs for data systems - \$54,000 annually