



Family Drug Court Statewide System Reform Program

The purpose of SSRP, administered by the Specialized Docket Section of the Supreme Court of Ohio, is to implement a comprehensive strategy for statewide multisystem reform that improves outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system with substance abuse and mental health challenges.

PARTNERS

Supreme Court of Ohio

Ohio Department
of Job & Family Services

Ohio Department of Medicaid

Ohio Department of Mental
Health & Addiction Services

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KEY PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Formation of Joint Subcommittee and Core Team who develop solutions to barriers identified in pilot sites
- Formation of Executive Oversight Committee, highest level of leadership responsible for administrative oversight, to facilitate access to resources, ensure long-term sustainability, provide final policy review, and support solutions to system barriers
- Identification of 11 pilot sites (*pictured right*) that are testing strategies to more effectively serve all families in the child welfare system affected by parental substance use disorders



KEY SUCCESSES

- Developed governance structure to support institutionalizing system reform efforts
- Identified strategies to improve outcomes for children and families in Ohio
- Piloted universal substance use disorder screening for parents who have a case opened with the child welfare system
- Modified SACWIS database to include information on substance use disorders
- Implemented quarterly pilot site trainings to strengthen program practices
- Established a plan with Government Resource Center to test methods for continuous performance measure monitoring across systems: court, treatment, child welfare, and Medicaid

LESSONS LEARNED/IDENTIFIED GAPS & BARRIERS

- **Cross-system Communication:** Firm strategies such as MOUs with partners is required to overcome communication gaps/barriers
- **Data:** Teams need clear guidelines on what data to collect and how to collect it; Gaps in State data system
- **Ongoing Training:** Training to address roles, responsibilities, and resources
- **Treatment Access:** Gaps in systems for access to treatment after parents are identified
- **Early Engagement:** Need for more treatment and outreach resources to engage parents
- **Funding:** Funding more treatment options, housing, detox, drug testing, staffing