

Chemical Use Testing

Participants are randomly tested for chemicals throughout their entire stay in the program.

- A missed test counts as a positive (dirty) test.
- Based on the recommendations from the treatment staff and the FDTC team, the judge applies immediate sanctions for a positive drug test in any phase to help stop drug using behaviors.
- Testing is observed to ensure freedom from errors.
- State licensing requires that identity and privacy be protected. FDTC and its treatment providers have developed policies and procedures that guard the participant's privacy.

TO SUCCEED THE
PARTICIPANT MUST BE
MOTIVATED TO MAKE A
COMMITMENT TO BE
DRUG FREE.

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It is the policy of the Faribault, Martin, and Jackson Multi-County Drug Treatment Court that no person will be discriminated against on the basis of: race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, and marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation or age.

Note: In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in the Family Dependency Treatment Court you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Miranda Rosa, Problem Solving Court Coordinator, at the Martin County Court House, Security Building #243, Fairmont, MN 56031. Telephone 507-402-9375 for more information and to ensure that reasonable accommodations are made available.



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FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT



FMJ- FDTC

Faribault, Martin & Jackson
Substance Abuse Court
Martin County Court House
Security Building Room 243
201 Lake Avenue
Fairmont, Minnesota 56031



FMJ FDTC MISSION STATEMENT

Faribault, Martin and Jackson Multi-County District Courts, in the Fifth Judicial District of Minnesota provide a Multi-County Family Dependency Treatment Court to reduce chemical abuse/dependency and foster a nurturing, permanent and safe environment for families with children in need of protection or services. FMJ-FDTC mission is to break the cycle of addiction by utilizing a comprehensive multi-disciplinary non-adversarial team approach to provide new or enhanced opportunities with legal and practical guidelines for parents with alcohol or other drug related problems. The FMJ-FDTC provides strengths-based interventions promoting healthy lifestyles, accountability for actions and positive family relationships through a collaborative effort between the Justice System and the community. This collaboration results in educated and productive adults, healthy families, and stronger, safer communities.

FDTC has four primary goals

1- Assist parents within the juvenile protection system in reducing their substance abuse issues through the use of evidence-based treatment approaches and innovative system change.

2- Establish timely permanency for children of parents with substance abuse issues with reunification as a preferred outcome.

3- Utilize appropriate and prompt responses to facilitate behavior changes for parents with substance abuse issues

4- Strengthen the capacity of families to provide guidance, structure and nurturance for their children.

TARGET POPULATION

- Families of Faribault, Martin or Jackson Counties with chemical dependency issues

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Families who are under the jurisdiction of Faribault, Martin or Jackson County District Court and either have an open child protection case or whose children are placed because of their parents' involvement with substance abuse may be eligible for FDTC. To qualify for this program the custodial parent(s) must meet the following criteria:

- Resident of Faribault, Martin or Jackson County
- One or more of the participant's children are the subject of a CHIPS Petition, which includes one party being chemically addicted
- One or more of the participant's children are in court-ordered out of home placement or are at risk of being placed out of the home
- The participant has entered an unconditional admission (not conditioned on acceptance into FDTC) to the basis of the CHIPS Petition

- The participant has substance abuse issues that impact the ability to parent the children
- The participant has voluntarily chosen to participate in FDTC

OVERVIEW

What is Family Dependency Treatment Court

The Faribault, Martin and Jackson County Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) provides an enhancement to the traditional juvenile court process in abuse and neglect cases where identified parental substance abuse is a primary factor.

The FDTC model transforms the roles of those involved in the Court process and establishes a coordinated systemic approach focusing on sobriety and accountability. Judges, attorneys, guardians ad litem, child protection workers and treatment providers unite as a Team to provide the necessary support and services to assist participants to become chemical free while assuring safety well-being and permanency for child(ren).

The FDTC approach creates an environment with clear and concise rules and expectations. Compliance with the expectations is discussed by the Team on a regular basis and incentives and sanctions are used to keep participants engaged in treatment and focused on taking control of their own recovery process. The goal of the FDTC is to reunite families.