

Helping Families



Family Court Services is a partnership between the 13th Judicial Circuit Court and Success 4 Kids & Families. The partnership was created to assist families with children who are going through a court proceeding. Often time's children become affected by the changes that occur due to these proceedings. Family Court Services strives to reduce the effects of these proceedings by identifying appropriate court programs and community resources that can help the family during this transition.

Family Court Services looks at the needs of the entire family, with the priority being the needs of the child or children.

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A comprehensive approach to handling cases involving children and families.



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Accessing Services

* A Judge can complete an Order of Referral. The parties are ordered to contact Family Court Services within five days to set up an appointment. These cases are tracked on a Status Report that is filed with the Clerk. This report updates the Judge on each family's compliance and any referrals that were given.

* During Case Management Conference, the parties have access to a Family Court Services System Navigator. The System Navigator can assess their needs and make referrals at this early stage. These cases are voluntary and are only tracked internally. At any later date a Judge can order the family to the referred program if they feel it is in the best interest of the child or family.

* At any time, a family can request assistance with family matters and can be referred to the program by any Judge or Court Employee. These cases are voluntary and are tracked internally.



Services Provided

Each party meets individually with a Success 4 Kids & Families System Navigator. The System Navigator completes an assessment to determine the needs of the family. The family is given the appropriate referrals for services. These services could include a court or a community program.

Family Court Services Provides Referrals for a number of issues.

- Mental Health
- Anger
- Depression
- Housing
- Parenting
- Education
- Visitation
- Substance Abuse



Once the assessment is completed and the parties are given referrals, a Status Report is filed so the Judge can be updated on the family's progress. The assessment is confidential and is not included with the Status Report.

Getting Started with your Referrals

When contacting the provider at the number you were given, be sure to have your personal information handy. You will be asking the provider for an appointment to get services started for you or your child. You may be asked for dates of birth or social security numbers. Be sure to include your information regarding insurance or Medicaid.

My Referrals:

My Court Information:

Case # _____

Judge: _____

Division: _____

My System Navigator: