



# Family CARE Court

## Participant Checklist for Referral/Application

Congratulations on your interest in applying for admission to the Family CARE (Community Assisted Recovery Effort) Court (FCC)! The FCC is an intensive therapeutic court program for parents who are involved in a Child In Need of Aid case (CINA) as a result of their substance abuse. Entry into FCC is voluntary and reunification with your child(ren) is not guaranteed. If you are serious about recovering from your addiction, ready to change and willing to work hard then FCC may be just the life-altering experience you need to regain custody of your child(ren) and establish a healthy family and a productive lifestyle.

There are several steps in the referral/application process:

1. Talk to your attorney. If you do not have an attorney, you should speak to the social worker assigned to your case. Ensure that you meet the basic criteria for FCC.
2. Observe Family CARE Court in session at least once. FCC meets every Tuesday at 3:00 pm in the Nesbit Courthouse at 825 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Courtroom 403 (Judge Mark Rindner).
3. If you would still like to apply for admission into the FCC, please complete the information at the bottom of this checklist and sign; then submit to your attorney or the social worker so an official referral can be initiated.
4. Your attorney or social worker will then complete the referral form and attach required documentation. Once the referral is submitted to the FCC team for review, a determination will be made regarding your FCC status. If additional information is needed you may be required to complete a substance abuse and/or mental health assessment. If the team does not believe you meet criteria or would not be appropriate for FCC then you will be determined non-eligible. Either way, your attorney or social worker will be notified as soon as the team can meet and make a decision.
5. If accepted into the FCC you will be asked to attend the next FCC court to opt in and may be asked to sign an Agreement and Waiver and a Release of Information. You may also need to sign a Stipulation to Adjudication and Interim Disposition of Child(ren) in Need of Aid. Your attorney, or (if you do not have an attorney) the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the FCC, will explain these legal documents to you.
6. After acceptance you will be provided a *Participant Orientation and Information Binder* to help guide you as you progress through the court. This binder also includes a calendar to help you keep track of appointments and meeting dates. You will need to bring this binder to court each week.
7. Next you will need to meet with Marti Tryck, FCC OCS Social Worker at 269-3917, to complete the intake and your case plan.

Date(s) of FCC Observation: \_\_\_\_\_

I am submitting this Participant Checklist to my attorney or social worker to assist in initiating a formal referral for FCC.

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Your Signature

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Date