

Discipline-Specific Orientation Materials (GENERAL)

The following materials will help to educate and orient new team members or any individuals interested in learning more about the general Family Drug Court model and collaborative structure.

1. **FDC 101 - Family Drug Court Tutorial**: this free, self-paced online resources provides foundational and introductory knowledge of the FDC model and operations. The FDC Tutorial is divided into five modules, which include an overview of the FDC movement and model, foundation of shared mission and values, services to children and parents, agency collaboration and information sharing, and achieve shared outcomes. These five modules align closely with the recommendations outline in the Guidance to States publication and include link to additional resources, case studies, interactive questions, and information boxes to enhance the learning experience. Link - <http://www.fdctutorials.org/tu/>
2. **Guidance to States: Recommendations for Developing Family Drug Court Guidelines** (FDC Guidelines) provides information on best practices and collaborative principles to develop and sustain Family Drug Courts, and incorporates up-to-date research supporting key strategies. The Guidelines will assist policy makers and practitioners to enhance and expand these programs. Link – <http://www.cffutures.org/files/publications/FDC-Guidelines.pdf>
3. **FDC Learning Academy Series** – The FDC Learning Academy consist of a series of web-based trainings that assess the needs, initiate strategic planning, implement program improvements, evaluate performance, and sustain FDCs. Launched in 2010, the Learning Academy is comprised of “learning communities” that are responsive to the developmental stages of FDCs. To date, the Learning Academy has delivered over 50 webinar presentations or training events with over 80 hours of content reaching nearly 4,000 attendees from all 50 states. Link - <https://www.cffutures.org/fdc-learning-academy/>
4. **FDC Community of Learning (FDC Blog)** – the FDC Community of Learning (or FDC Blog) is the one-stop shop to review all archived webinars, online resources, and thought-provoking articles relevant to the FDC field. There are over 40 previously recorded webinars available on the blog, simply use the “search” box function on the top right hand side of the page to easily navigate to the topic area you or your team is interested in learning more about! Link - <http://familydrugcourts.blogspot.com/>
5. **Family Treatment Court (FTC) Planning Guide**: the FTC Planning Guide, published by the National Drug Court Institute and the Center for Children and Family Futures (2018) is designed to provide step-by-step instructions for a team planning to start and implement an FTC in their community. No matter what your role in the system is, and no matter where you are in the process of pursuing the institution of a FTC, this guide will be a valuable resource in accomplishing your goals. Key decision makers (e.g., family or juvenile court judges, court administrators, directors of child protective services) can use the information within this guide to recruit and motivate the multidisciplinary, collaborative planning team necessary to begin the planning process. Any professional involved with a court (e.g., child protective services worker, public defender, provider of substance-use treatment) can use this guide to gather the information needed to present the FTC concept to decision makers and educate them about the tasks involved in starting a program. Planning team members will work through the FTC Planning

Guide to complete the entire planning process, either in a series of meetings or in two or three multi-day retreats that will lead to the creation of a family treatment court in your jurisdiction.