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Introduction

2017 Wisconsin Act 202 authorized grants to be administered by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to counties or tribes to enable them to oversee the establishment and operation of Family Treatment Courts. 2017 Wisconsin Act 261 appropriated $250,000 general purpose revenue funding per year to be administered by DCF for the operation of the Family Treatment Court Grant Program.

Calendar year 2025 marked the seventh full year that grant funding was allocated to two programs: Dunn County Family Treatment Court and Rock County Family Recovery Court. Both programs began implementation in late 2019, and both programs continued to receive this funding through 2025 with additional remaining funding in 2026.

Family Treatment Court Grants

In 2018, DCF issued DSP Information Memo Series 2018-38i to notify counties and tribes of the availability of funding to establish two new treatment courts and explained the application process. Eligible applicants were counties and tribes seeking to establish and operate evidence-based Family Treatment Court programs.

Grants were awarded through a competitive application process to two local child welfare agencies: Dunn County Department of Human Services, which serves a child population of approximately 8,872, and Rock County Human Services Department, which serves a child population of approximately 37,701.

Grantees were required to develop intake and court procedures that screen, assess, and provide dispositional alternatives for parents whose children have come under the jurisdiction of the court. Additionally, program objectives should result in improved child well-being and the welfare of participants' families by meeting the comprehensive needs of participants and promoting family reunification wherever possible, as stated in 48.546, Wis. Stats., Family Treatment Court Grant Program.

Programs funded included the following components:

- An oversight committee to advise the county or tribe in developing, implementing, administering, and evaluating its program.
- Provision of services to program participants that are consistent with evidence-based practices in treatment services needed by those participants, including substance abuse treatment services, mental health treatment services, and intensive case management services.
- Provision of a multidisciplinary screen as described in s. 48.547 (3) for program participants.
- A holistic and trauma-informed approach to the treatment of program participants.
- Integration of all services provided to program participants by local government agencies and other organizations.
- Submission of data as requested by DCF.

In 2025, DCF issued a memo Family Treatment Court Program Funding Opportunity to notify counties and tribes of the availability of funding to establish two new treatment courts and

explained the application process. Eligible applicants were counties and tribes seeking to establish and operate evidence-based Family Treatment Court programs.

Grants were awarded, through a competitive application process, to two local child welfare agencies: Eau Claire County Department of Human Services, which serves a child population of approximately 21,116 and St. Croix County Health and Human Services Department, which serves a child population of approximately 22,735.

Family Treatment Court Contracts

Rock County Program

An initial grant was awarded to Rock County for a contract term of two years, spanning from December 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020. Based on availability of funding, satisfactory performance, and by mutual agreement of DCF and Rock County, the contract was renewed through 2023 and 2024. DCF accommodated an additional contract renewal through 2025, after which time funding through DCF ceased. The total award amount for Rock County Family Recovery Court was $804,835.

The Rock County Family Recovery Court (FRC) operates under the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, the Wisconsin Treatment Court Standards, and the Children and Family Futures (CFF) Drug Court Guidelines. The program is voluntary and is designed to improve outcomes for families involved in the child welfare system where parental substance use is a contributing factor. In the program's provision of services, intensive case management services are provided through a Rock County Human Services Department Family Treatment Court Case Manager, utilizing the Functional Family Case Management (FFCM) evidence-based model. One of the Family Treatment Court case manager's duties is to identify and connect program participants with service providers who operate consistently with evidence-based practices and demonstrate fidelity to their chosen models.

Courtroom Process and Environment

Rock County Family Recovery Court program is structured in such a way as to ensure that the judge affirms the expectations of the program with program participants. Responses to participants' behavior are goal-oriented, consistent, immediate, fair, individualistic, and therapeutically sound. During hearings, participants can speak directly with the judge, and the judge meets with each participant for a minimum of three minutes to discuss the participant's progress and offer encouragement. The judge also allows participants to offer their perspective on how they are progressing in the program, their child welfare case(s), and their recovery.

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Child protective services (CPS) professionals are required to continue their education in trauma-informed care by attending trauma trainings offered through Rock County. All treatment providers are trauma-trained and trauma-focused in their service delivery.

Each participant has an individualized case plan used to link the participant to service providers within the county to meet the needs of the participant as identified in the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment. Additionally, each participant meets individually with their assigned CPS professional and therapist on a monthly basis or together as part of a family

team meeting to discuss case progress, barriers, and recovery to ensure timely and effective collaboration and coordination of services.

In Rock County, the Family Recovery Court Coordinator and the CPS professional engage in bi-weekly staffings with all treatment providers and other service providers, in a setting outside of the court context, to monitor the participants' compliance with obligations under the program. Information between the family, the Family Treatment Court team, and all providers is shared freely so as to ensure all appropriate services and responses can be delivered comprehensively to each participant and to ensure services are being provided in a holistic manner.

Additionally, to integrate services, up to 15 individuals are permitted to participate in hearings, including the Family Recovery Court Coordinator, the CPS professional, Corporation Counsel, the guardian ad litem, the participant's attorney, treatment providers and other service providers, probation and parole representatives, and a court appointed special advocate (CASA). These same team members meet prior to hearings to share the most up-to-date information pertaining to each participant, discussing their recovery, barriers, and overall case progress.

Program Participation

Program participation for the Rock County Family Treatment Court program is listed below for 2025. The program participation numbers include program participants, number of participants who successfully completed the program, and the number of children who were able to return home to a parent enrolled in these Family Treatment Court programs.

- Four new referrals in 2025, and 114 referrals total over the seven years of the grant.
- Two new participants enrolled in 2025, and 60 participants enrolled over the seven years of the grant.
- No graduations.
- At the end of 2025, there were five participants enrolled and working towards successful completion of the program.

Reasons for referrals that do not result in enrollment can vary. Lower enrollment numbers can be related to parent(s) not meeting the requirements of enrollment or due to lack of engagement and willingness to participate in the program. Family Treatment/Recovery Court programs are voluntary, not mandatory, of parents with substance use disorders.

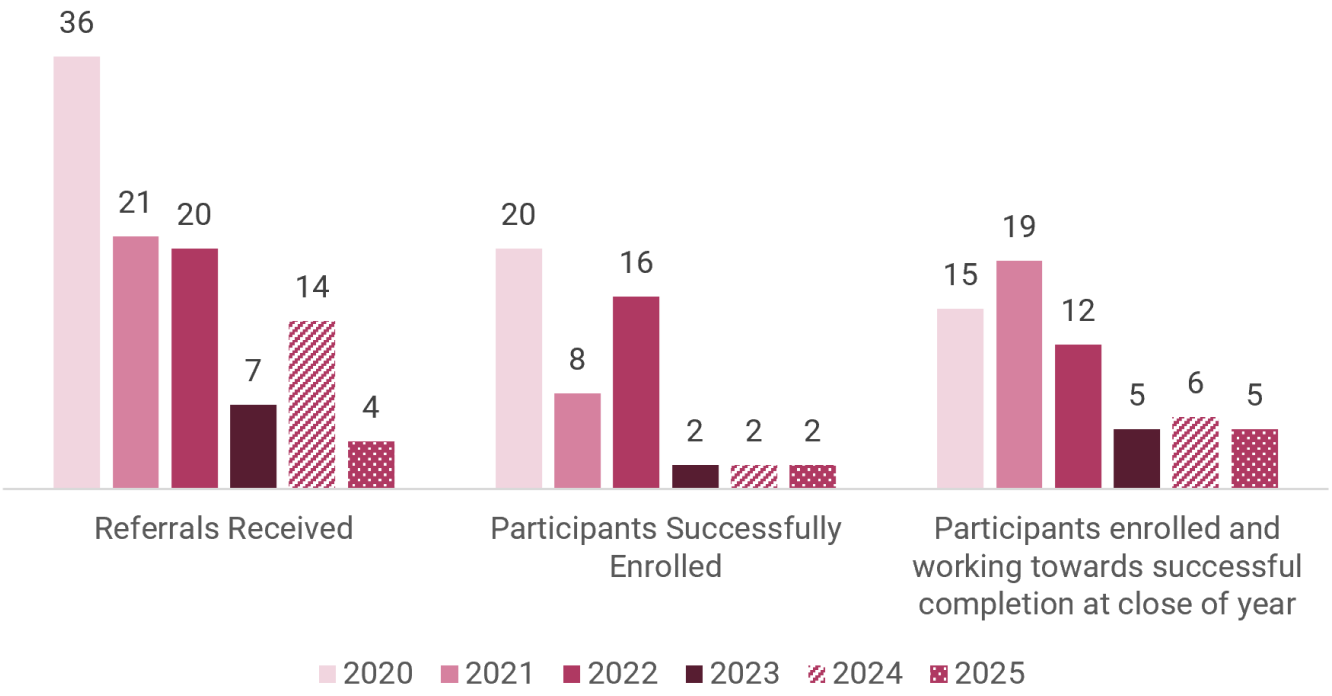
Additional factors to consider:

1. At a minimum, it takes participants one year to complete all phases of the program. Usually, it takes longer due to various factors that impact participants' ability to progress through phases. These factors can include attendance issues, missed drug tests, or relapses.
2. Participants are not required to successfully complete their Family Treatment Court program prior to reunification of their children.

Rock County Family Recovery Court Program saw a decrease in the number referrals received from 14 to four, with only two new participants enrolled in the program. Over the past seven years, the program saw 114 new referrals and 60 new participants. The program saw a slight

decrease in the number of participants who continued to work towards successful completion of the program at the close of 2025.

Figure 1: Rock County Participant Numbers 2019–2025



This program did not have any graduations in 2025; however, over the past seven years, there were seven graduations. There are five participants who are enrolled and working towards successful completion at the end of the year. Although no children were able to be reunified with a parent who was enrolled in Rock County Family Recovery Court in 2025, over the past seven years, there were 42 children who were able to be reunited with a parent who was enrolled in Rock County Family Recovery Court.

Table 1 outlines the total number of CPS reports, total number of screened-in reports with allegations related to substance use, abuse, and/or exposure, and the number of those related to substance use and exposure that were referred to the program. There was a decrease in the number of total CPS Reports in Rock County in 2025. While the total screened in CPS reports in Rock County steadily decreased, Rock County is shifting practice in removing less children into out-of-home care and keeping children in home by utilizing in home safety planning and family planning. One of the program's criteria to refer a participant to Family Treatment Court is a child in out-of-home care, so naturally, the referrals are decreasing.

Table 1: Rock County Reports, Screen-Ins, & Referrals

Year	Total CPS Reports	Total Screened-In CPS Reports with Substance Use	Total FRC Referrals
2019	3,575	322	12
2020	2,797	255	36
2021	3,056	257	21
2022	2,906	185	20
2023	2,630	133	7
2024	2,342	101	14
2025	2,037	86	4

Dunn County Program

An initial grant was awarded to Dunn County for a contract term of two years, spanning from December 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020. Based on availability of funding, satisfactory performance, and by mutual agreement of DCF and Dunn County, the contract was renewed through 2023 and 2024. DCF accommodated an additional contract renewal through 2025, after which time funding through DCF ceased. The total award amount for Dunn County Family Treatment Court was $868,506.66.

The Dunn County Family Treatment Court operates under the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, the Wisconsin Treatment Court Standards, and the Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards. In the program's provision of services, it contracts with a treatment provider, Arbor Place, Inc., that operates under the Matrix Model, an evidence-based treatment model. This treatment provider offers a service array comprised of many different evidence-based therapies, including Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy (MDFT), Family-Centered Treatment (FCT), Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF-CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), and Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT).

Courtroom Process and Environment

During Family Treatment Court hearings in Dunn County, the courtroom is non-adversarial, and program participants are given a minimum of three minutes of time with the judge. Participants are treated with respect and empowered by the judge to engage actively in recovery. Responses to a participant's behavior are determined and communicated to the participant only after a treatment team staffing has taken place.

Dunn County Behavioral Health staff are fluent in the concepts of person-centered practice and recovery, and the county is committed to educating its CPS staff on the core elements of consumer self-determination, the use of natural supports, the importance of lived experience, and the way in which trauma factors into gender responsive services.

The county is further committed to building a trauma-informed environment across the continuum of care, including the justice system, through system-wide trainings aimed at becoming a trauma-informed community.

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

One of the roles of the Dunn County Family Treatment Court Coordinator is to identify resources and to respond to the full range of needs of program participants as determined by the assessment tools employed. The coordinator then develops comprehensive, coordinated plans that utilize a wide range of evidence-based service providers. Wrap-around services may include substance abuse treatment, medically assisted treatment (MAT), mental health treatment, family counseling, domestic violence treatment, health, and dental services, parenting classes, relapse prevention, gender-specific services, and services to address trauma exposure.

Once services have been identified, a treatment team is assembled and consists of staff who provide direct services to the participants, child(ren), and families in the program. Other key team members include the judge, the District Attorney, attorney or advocate for the participant, attorney or advocate for the child(ren), CPS professionals, treatment providers, and dependent upon the participant, child(ren), and family needs, domestic violence program representatives, probation officers, and juvenile justice staff.

Team members attend pre-court staffing meetings and court review hearings and share participant progress information in a timely way to allow for the use of incentives and sanctions to effectively shape behavior focused on family recovery.

While Family Treatment Court hearings take place on an alternating week basis in Dunn County, each program participant's team meets to engage in confidential team staffings. These teams include the family, judge, the District Attorney, attorney or advocate for the participant, attorney or advocate for the child(ren), CPS professionals, treatment providers, and dependent upon the participant, child(ren), and family needs, domestic violence program representatives, probation officers, and juvenile justice staff. During these staffings, team members openly discuss participants' behaviors from their different perspectives. In addition to these scheduled staffings, emergency staffings take place on an as-needed basis.

Program Participation

Program participation for the Dunn County Family Treatment Court program is listed below for 2025. The program participation numbers include program participants, number of participants who successfully completed the program, and the number of children who were able to return home to a parent enrolled in these Family Treatment Court programs.

- 25 referrals in 2025 and 121 referrals total over the seven years of the grant.
- Seven new participants enrolled in 2025, and 50 participants enrolled over the seven years of the grant.
- one graduation and 22 graduations total over the seven years of the grant.
- Six children reunified while parents were enrolled or after they completed the program.
- At the end of 2025, there were eight participants enrolled and working towards successful completion of the program.

Reasons for referrals that do not result in enrollment can vary. Lower enrollment numbers can be related to parent(s) not meeting the requirements of enrollment or due to lack of engagement and willingness to participate in the program. Family Treatment/Recovery Court programs are voluntary, not mandatory of parents with substance use disorders.

Additional factors to consider:

1. At a minimum, it takes participants one year to complete all phases of the program. Usually, it takes longer due to various factors that impact participants' ability to progress through phases. These factors can include attendance issues, missed drug tests, or relapses.
2. Participants are not required to successfully complete their Family Treatment Court program prior to reunification of their children.

Dunn County Family Treatment Court saw an increase in one additional referral received in 2025, from 24 to 25 referrals and a total of 121 referrals over seven years. The program saw an increase in enrollment from four to seven participants and a total of 50 new participants over seven years. In 2025, the number of participants who were still enrolled and working towards successful completion of the program at the close of the year doubled from four to eight participants, as outlined in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Dunn County Participant Numbers 2019–2025

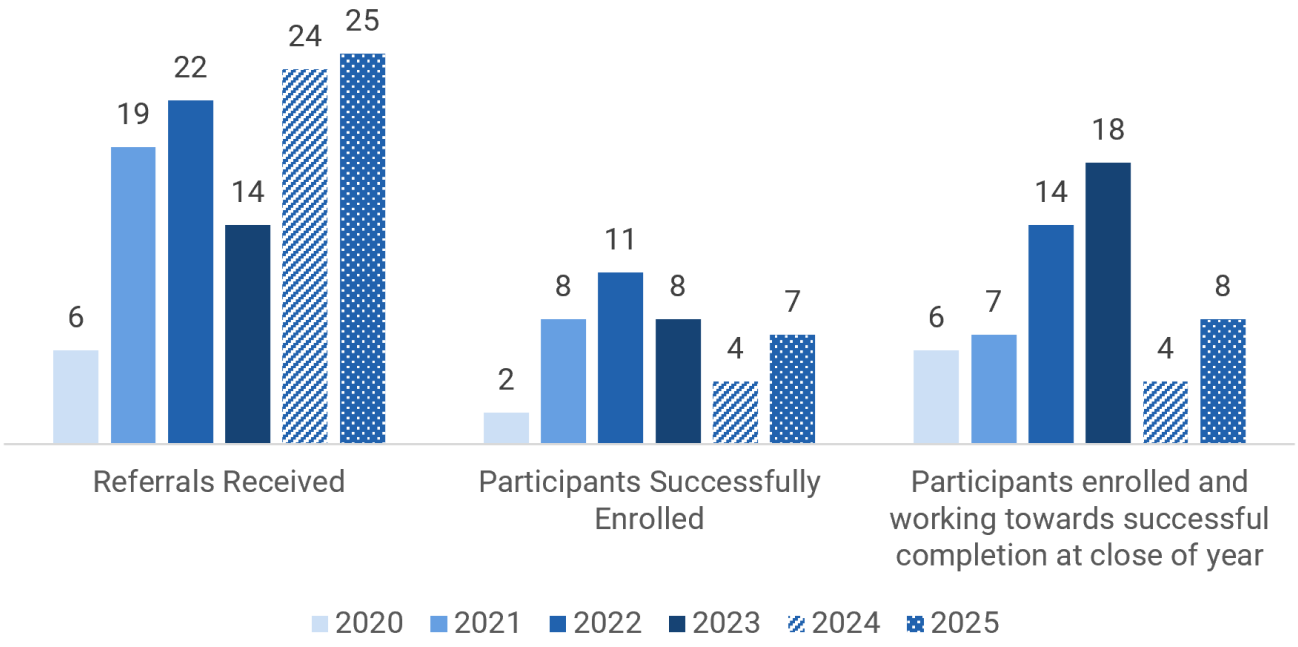


Table 2 outlines the total number of CPS reports, total number of screened-in reports with allegations related to substance use, abuse, and/or exposure, and the number of those related to substance use and exposure that were referred to the program. The total number of screen-in CPS reports received by Dunn County decreased in 2025.

Table 2: Dunn County Reports, Screen-Ins, & Referrals

Year	Total CPS Reports	Total Screened-In CPS Reports with Substance Use	Total FTC Referrals
2019	638	15	11
2020	555	33	6
2021	639	36	19
2022	561	44	22
2023	645	42	14
2024	586	30	24
2025	556	27	25

In 2025, Dunn County Family Treatment Court experienced participant successes with eight children reunified with a parent who was either enrolled in the program or had successfully completed all phases of the program. Overall, 65 children were able to be reunited with a parent who was either enrolled in the program or had successfully completed all phases over seven years. Six participants also successfully completed all phases of the program in 2025, with a total number of 22 participants who successfully completed all phases of the program over seven years.

Eau Claire County Program

In 2025, a new grant was awarded to Eau Claire County for a contract term of two years, spanning from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027. The grant may be eligible for renewal based on availability of funding, satisfactory performance, and by mutual agreement of DCF and Eau Claire County.

Eau Claire County was awarded $62,500 dollars for startup funding, which was to support the planning and processes of the program. These funds were utilized from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. In addition, there were four new referrals in July of 2025, as this is when Eau Claire first began taking referrals.

The Eau Claire County Family Recovery Court (FRC) operates under the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, the Wisconsin Treatment Court Standards, and the Children and Family Futures (CFF) Drug Court Guidelines. The program is voluntary and is designed to improve outcomes for families involved in the child welfare system where parental substance use is a contributing factor. In the program's provision of services, intensive case management services are provided through Eau Claire County Department of Human Services (DHS) Family Treatment Court Case Manager. Case Manager duties include identifying and connecting program

participants with service providers who operate consistently with evidence-based practices and demonstrate fidelity to their chose models. Most often, these services are provided by the Eau Claire County Outpatient Clinic located within DHS.

Courtroom Process and Environment

The Family Recovery Court calendar is a priority and is a specialized, separate court, operating on a bi-weekly basis and dedicated to the assessment, treatment, and supervision of participants in the program. The judge participates fully as a Family Recovery Court team member, committing to the program, mission and goals, and works as a full partner to ensure participant success. The judge ensures a cooperative atmosphere for team members to stay focused on the task of proving participants with treatment and rehabilitation opportunities. One of the roles of the Eau Claire County Family Recovery Court Case Manager is to identify resources and to respond to the full range of needs of program participants as determined by the assessment tools employed. The case worker then develops comprehensive, coordinated plans that utilize a wide range of evidence-based service providers. Wraparound services may include substance abuse treatment, medical assistance treatment (MAT), mental health treatment, family counseling, domestic violence treatment, health, and dental services, parenting classes, relapse prevention, gender-specific services, and services to address trauma exposure. Once services have been identified, a treatment team is assembled and consists of a wide range of professionals working with a family.

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Team members, including the family, the judge, Corporation Counsel, Family Recovery Court Case Manager, Family Recovery Court CPS professional, Recovery and Justice Services Manager, CPS Ongoing Manager, and Treatment Provider are invited to attend pre-court staffing meetings and court review hearings and share participant progress information in a timely way to allow for the use of incentives and sanctions to effectively shape behavior focused on family recovery. If team members cannot attend, information is passed along to other team members to inform the Family Recovery Court team.

Program Participation

Program participation for the Eau Claire County Family Recovery Court is listed below for 2025. The program participation numbers include program participants, number of participants who successfully completed the program, and the number of children who were able to return home to a parent enrolled in these Family Treatment Court programs.

- Four new referrals. *(Note: The program began taking referrals in July 2025.)*
- Four new participants enrolled.
- No graduations.
- At the end of 2025, there were three participants enrolled and working towards successful completion of the program.

Reasons for referrals that do not result in enrollment can vary. Lower enrollment numbers can be related to parent(s) not meeting the requirements of enrollment or due to lack of engagement and willingness to participate in the program. Family Treatment/Recovery Court programs are voluntary, not mandatory of parents with substance use disorders.

Additional factors to consider:

1. At a minimum, it takes participants one year to complete all phases of the program. Usually, it takes longer due to various factors that impact participants' ability to progress through phases. These factors can include attendance issues, missed drug tests, or relapses.
2. Participants are not required to successfully complete their Family Treatment Court program prior to reunification of their children.

Table 3 outlines the total number of CPS reports, total number of screened-in reports with allegations related to substance use, abuse, and/or exposure, and the number of those related to substance use and exposure that were referred to the program. Due to Eau Claire starting to take referrals in 2025, only the first year is reported.

Table 3: **Eau Claire County Reports, Screen-Ins, & Referrals**

Year	Total CPS Reports	Total Screened-In CPS Reports with Substance Use	Total FRC Referrals
2025	1,500	91	4

St. Croix County Program

In 2025, a new grant was awarded to St. Croix County for a contract term of two years, spanning from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027. The grant may be eligible for renewal based on availability of funding, satisfactory performance, and by mutual agreement of DCF and St. Croix County.

St. Croix County was awarded $62,500 dollars for startup funding which was to support the planning and processes of the program. These funds were utilized from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

The St. Croix County Family Treatment Court (FTC) is a voluntary, post-adjudication specialty court designed to improve outcomes for families involved in the child welfare system where parental substance use is a contributing factor. Operating under Wisconsin Treatment Court Standards and Family Treatment Court best practices, the program utilizes a collaborative team approach involving the judiciary, CPS, substance use treatment providers, Corporation Counsel, Guardian ad Litem, and the FTC Coordinator. Participants receive intensive case management, frequent judicial oversight, individualized treatment planning random drug and alcohol testing, and coordinated access to evidence-based treatment and recovery supports. Through a structed five-phase program focused on recovery, family engagement, accountability, and community support, FTC works to promote sustained parental recovery, strengthen family relationships, improve child well-being, and support timely family reunification and permanency.

Courtroom Process and Environment

FTC is intentionally designed around trauma-informed principles that promote safety, trust, collaboration, empowerment, and participant engagement. One significant change from the

traditional CHIPS court process is the courtroom environment itself. Participants are invited to sit next to the FTC Coordinator rather than alone at a separate table. This simple change helps promote both physical and emotional safety and reinforce that the participant is a valued member of the team. During court, the judge engages in participation in a friendly, respectful, and encouraging manner, asking questions in a way that is supportive rather than intimidating. This approach helps foster meaningful engagement and encourages communication.

Team members attend pre-court staffing meetings and court review hearings on a bi-weekly basis. If the judge is unavailable, team members attend a round table with the participants. The FTC Coordinator shares participant progress information to the team to discuss and address any needs that may arise that could result in the use of incentives, sanctions or therapeutic adjustment/responses. Responses to setbacks reflect a trauma-informed philosophy rather than relying on punitive responses. The team focuses on therapeutic interventions, treatment adjustments, and identifying barriers to recovery. This recognizes that recovery is often non-linear and emphasizes support, accountability, and continued engagement.

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

The team consists of the judge, corporation counsel, FTC Coordinator, FTC CPS professional from the department, guardian ad litem, and treatment provider representative. Team members also attend monthly team meetings to address any needs for policy and procedures modification or updates to the FTC program.

The FTC Coordinator serves as the central point of coordination for the program. Upon acceptance into Family Treatment Court, the coordinator completes a comprehensive assessment and develops an individualized case plan in collaboration with the participant. The coordinator works closely with the CPS professional to identify participant strengths, needs, and barriers, and to facilitate service connections that support recovery, parenting capacity, and family stability. As participant needs evolve, the coordinator continues to monitor progress, coordinate referrals, facilitate communication among partner agencies, collect program data, and oversee day to day program operations. The coordinator also screens referrals, explains program expectations, facilitate treatment team meetings and court sessions, coordinates drug testing, and serves as a liaison with community partners.

Program Participation

St. Croix did not enroll their first participants until 2026, so there is no 2025 data offered.

Appendix 1: Program Requirements

Oversight Committee

Grant recipient counties maintain an oversight committee, in compliance with Section 48.546(4), Wis. Stats. The oversight committees oversee the programs' operations and assist in making final decisions regarding any program changes, such as updates to a program's phase system. The appendices outline each grant recipient's oversight committees.

Program Participant Criteria

In compliance with Section 48.546 (3)(a), Wis. Stats, Dunn County, Rock County, Eau Claire County, and St. Croix County have established criteria for a person's participation in each agency's Family Treatment Court programs. Local agencies may modify their program participant criteria when appropriate and with approval of DSP. The appendices provide more detailed information regarding each program's participant criteria. In addition to program specific data, also included in this report are the reporting and screening data. This data can be found on the Child Protective Services Reports Dashboard and Initial Assessment Hub Dashboard.

Program Requirements

Programs utilize differing "phase systems" to guide participants through the program. In order to graduate from the programs, participants must successfully complete every phase. The appendices provide criteria for each identified phase for each Family Recovery Court program.

Family Recovery Court programs may implement a "Family Recovery Court Response Guide" that outlines violations during each phase and what the consequences for these violations would be. The purpose of the response guide is to make it clear to participants who violate program requirements what the consequences are and show consistency in how violations were handled. The appendices provide violations and consequences for each Family Recovery Court program.

Multidisciplinary Screen

Grant recipient counties identified the following tools for the provision of a multidisciplinary screen, in compliance with Section 48.546 (3)(c), Wis. Stats. Rock County uses the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). Dunn County uses the Gain Short Screen (Mental Health & Criminality) and the CANS. Eau Claire County uses DSM V diagnosis, URICA Columbia suicide scale, ASAM, and COMPASS. St. Croix County uses the CANS, COMPASS, and ASAM.

Service Provision

Grant recipient counties identified services to be provided to program participants that are consistent with evidence-based practices in treatment services needed by those participants, in compliance with Section 48.546 (3)(b), Wis. Stats.

Service Integration

Both grant recipient counties have put systems into place to ensure integration of all services provided to program participants, in compliance with Section 48.546 (3)(e), Wis. Stats.

Use of Trauma-Informed Approaches

Grant recipient counties ensured the provision of a holistic and trauma-informed approach to the treatment of program participants, in compliance with Section 48.546 (3)(d), Wis. Stats.

Appendix 2: Rock County

Rock County Family Treatment Court Program's Oversight Committee Members

- Honorable Michael Haakenson, Rock County Circuit Court Judge Branch 5
- Honorable Allen Bates, Retired Judge and Community Member
- Rich Greenlee, Rock County Corporation Counsel
- Kate Luster, Rock County Human Services Director
- Sara Mooren, Rock County Human Services Deputy Director
- Kami Williams, Rock County Human Services Children, Youth, and Families Program Manager
- Sandy Johnson, Rock County Court Appointed Special Advocate Director
- Bette Trimble, Rock County Program Manager Crisis, Connection, Outpatient, Treatment Courts, and Prevention
- Chris, Schoben, Professional Services Group, Vice President
- Ben Searls, Wisconsin Department of Corrections Supervisor
- Sean Mangold, Recovery Coach
- Kelsey M. Hood-Christenson, Beloit Domestic Violence Survivor Center Staff Member
- Faun Moses, Wisconsin State Public Defender Manager
- Josh Grube, Private Attorney

Rock County Family Recovery Court Program Participant Criteria

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be a resident of Rock County.
- Be willing to sign a Consent to Release Confidential Information Form so that the team may share information with other team members and outside community providers.
- Not be substantiated for child sexual abuse.
- Referral to the Family Recovery Court received no later than 9 months from the date of disposition, unless waitlisted prior.
- Be clinically diagnosed with a substance use disorder at an Intensive Outpatient (IOP) level of care.
- Must voluntarily agree to abide by all Family Recovery Court rules, including possible modifications which will be communicated before implementation.
- Cannot be enrolled in other treatment courts in Rock Co.
- If temporary physical custody was taken of children, this must have occurred on or after August 1, 2019.

Rock County Family Recovery Court Violations

Violation: Lack of consistent attendance in treatment.

Behaviors:

- Failure to provide proof of emergency, doctor note, or other documentation for missed group of individual appointment.
- Failure to attend group or individual appointment.
- Failure to start or take steps to begin treatment.

Violation: Discharge from recommended treatment.

Behaviors:

- Leaving treatment against recommendations.
- Being terminated from the treatment due to treatment rule violations.

Violation: Recurrence or continued use.

Behaviors:

- Positive drug screen.
- Continued use with no sober time.
- Using non-approved substances.
- Failure to report prescribed medications aside from those prescribed by program prescriber.

Violation: Non-compliance with drug testing.

Behaviors:

- No show for ordered testing.
- Unable to provide sample.
- Provide a dilute sample or other attempts to tamper with sample.
- Refusal to provide sample.

Violation: Contempt of court.

Behaviors:

- Failure to attend court.
- Failure to provide proof of emergency, doctor note, or other documentation for missed court.
- Disorderly or disruptive behaviors toward the judge.
- Refusal to comply with given responses or orders.

Violation: Other non-compliance.

Behaviors:

- Consistent pattern of late arrival to court, treatment, visits, other appointments, etc.
- General lack of communication with team.
- Unsafe, inappropriate, disruptive, and/or disrespectful behaviors.
- Failure to follow through with services or referrals.
- Failure to keep team up to date on contact information and home address.

Violation: Dishonesty.

Behaviors:

- Lies of commission (making excuses, minimizing behaviors or use, etc.).
- Lies of omission (leaving out important information, not reporting use or other issues until confronted by team, etc.).

Rock County Family Recovery Court Final Warning

The Family Recovery Court team will consider the following indicators of a participant's compliance:

- Consistency of participants attendance at treatment groups, meetings, and other services indicated in their treatment plan.
- Completion of drug tests, including the number of positive, negative, and missed tests.
- Treatment provider's assessment of participant's commitment to working on their recovery.
- Participation and engagement in visitation and other services identified in the participant's return conditions.
- The effect of Family Recovery Court responses already imposed on participant.

The final warning is set for 30 days; the participant is expected to make progress towards full compliance with the Family Recovery Court. If sufficient progress is not made within this time frame, the participant may be terminated from Family Recovery Court. At the end of the 30 days, the team will review the status of the participant. If they have made some progress but are not in full compliance, any team member may request a continuance of the final warning, and the team will assess whether to grant the continuance. The participant will be required to write a letter to the team indicating what has changed and their plans to re-engage with the Family Recovery Court. The letter must be submitted to the team the week prior to the status review to allow time for the team to review it.

Appendix 3: Dunn County

Dunn County Family Treatment Court Program's Oversight Committee Members

- Honorable Christina Mayer, Dunn County Circuit Court Judge
- Vacant, Dunn County Assistant District Attorney
- Paula Winter, Dunn County Human Services Director
- Lori Radcliffe, Dunn County Family and Children's Unit Manager
- Sara Benedict, Dunn County Criminal Justice Coordinator
- Melissa Berg, Dunn County Family Treatment Court Coordinator
- John Welch, Dunn County Child Protective Services Case Worker
- Loretta Olson, Dunn County Child Protective Services Case Worker
- Stacy Plummer, Licensed Clinical Therapist, Dunn County Behavior Health
- Tonny Strong, Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor, Arbor Place
- Hope Remus, Certified Peer Support, Milkweed Connections

Dunn County Family Treatment Court Program Participant Criteria

- Be participating voluntarily.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Have a family being served in CPS in Dunn County.
- Be diagnosed with a severe substance use disorder.
- Be a parent.

Dunn County Family Recovery Court Violations

Milestone One: Orientation

Violation: Missing appointments, drug tests, court, visits, etc. dishonesty, tampering with drug tests, incomplete responses or assignments.

- Verbal warning.
- Reset sober date.
- Written assignment.
- Behavior-focused homework.

Violation: Consistently missing appointments, drug tests, court, visits, etc.; ongoing tampering with drug tests; disregarding court orders; unsafe/inappropriate behaviors.

- Milestone advancement delayed.
- Team roundtable meeting.
- Additional treatment/service referrals.

Violation: Minimal/no engagement; not attending drug tests for prolonged timeframe; continued dishonesty despite intervention; consistent tampering with drug tests; continuous unsafe behaviors despite intervention.

- Behavior contract.
- Day reporting (>1 week).
- Final warning.
- Program discharge.

Milestone Two: Orientation

Violation: Infrequent/missed appointments, drug tests, court, visits, etc.; infrequent/incomplete responses or assignments; occasional recurrence of use.

- Verbal warning.
- Reset sober date.
- No fishbowl.
- Written assignment.
- Behavior-focused homework.
- Create recurrence prevention plan.

Violation: Consistently missing appointments, drug tests, court, visits, etc.; ongoing tampering with drug tests; continued recurrence of use; frequent incomplete responses or assignments; unsafe or inappropriate behavior; not actively changing people, places, and things, dishonesty.

- Milestone advancement delayed.
- Tem roundtable meeting.
- Additional treatment/service referrals.
- Activity logs (1+ week).
- Increased court appearances.
- Begin pro-social attendance.

Violation: Unsuccessful discharge from recommended treatment; continued missed appointments, use, dishonesty, unsafe/inappropriate behaviors despite intervention.

- Behavior contract.
- Day reporting (>1 week).
- Final warning.
- Program discharge.

Milestone Three: Strengthening Myself and My Family

Violation: Infrequent missed appointments, drug tests, court, groups, visits, etc.; other infrequent minor Family Recovery Court/rule violations.

- Verbal warning.
- Reset sober date.
- No fishbowl.
- Written or other assignment.

Violation: Continued missing appointments, drug tests, court, groups, visits, etc.; recurrence of use, infrequent incomplete responses or assignments, not actively changing people, places, and things; infrequent dishonesty.

- Milestone advancement delayed.
- Tem roundtable meeting.
- Additional treatment/service referrals.
- Activity logs (1+ week).

- Increased court appearances.
- Increased pro-social attendance.
- Modify recurrence prevention plan.

Violation: Unsuccessful discharge from recommended treatment; continued missed appointments, use, dishonesty; unsafe/inappropriate behaviors despite intervention.

- Behavior contract.
- Day reporting (>1 week).
- Community service.
- Final warning.
- Program discharge.

Milestone Four: Building My Recovery Community

Violation: Infrequent missed appointments, drug tests, court; groups, visits, etc.; other infrequent minor program/rule violations.

- Verbal warning.
- Reset sober date.
- No fishbowl.

Violation: Continued missing appointments, drug tests, court; groups, visits, etc.; recurrence of use; incomplete responses or assignments; return to people, places, and things related to addictive lifestyle; infrequent dishonesty.

- Team roundtable meeting.
- Additional treatment/service referrals.
- Increased court appearances.
- Increased pro-social attendance.
- Modify recurrence prevention plan.
- Create “Road to Recovery” (birth to now).

Violation: Unsuccessful discharge from recommended treatment; disregarding court orders; minimal or no engagement; continued use, dishonesty, drug test tampering, unsafe/inappropriate behaviors despite intervention.

- Behavior contract.
- Delayed graduation.
- Community service.
- Final warning.
- Program discharge.

Appendix 4: Eau Claire County

Eau Claire County Family Treatment Court Program's Oversight Committee Members

- Judge Emily Long, Eau Claire County Circuit Court Judge
- Attorney Richard Eaton, Eau Claire County Assistant Corporation Counsel
- Attorney Charles Ellefesn III, Eau Claire Assistant Corporation Counsel
- Melissa Christopherson, Eau Claire County Department of Human Services Family Services Division Administrator
- Jenna Chistanson, Eau Claire Department of Human Services Health Division Administrator
- Courtney Wick, Eau Claire Department of Human Services Child Protective Services Ongoing Manager
- Brianna Marsden, Eau Claire Department of Human Services Recovery and Justice Services Manager
- Krystle Zakrzewski, Eau Claire Department of Human Services Child Protective Services Social Worker
- Joy Carter, Eau Claire Family Recover Cort Case Worker
- Krysti Deines, Eau Claire Department of Human Services Outpatient Clinical Licensed Treatment Provider

Eau Claire County Family Treatment Court Program Participant Criteria

- 18 years of age or older.
- Must have child welfare involvement in Eau Claire County and be able to participate in Eau Claire County.
- Alcohol or other drug use must be a contributing factor.
- Moderate to severe substance use disorder determined through a clinic assessment.
- Agree to follow all program requirements.

Eau Claire County Family Treatment Court

Low Violations and Responses

Violations:

- Missed appointment/court (valid reason).
- Missed recovery meeting.
- Late to appointment/court.
- Incomplete planning.

Responses:

- Verbal warning/reprimand.
- Community service.
- Written assignment.
- Additional/make-up meeting.
- Increased check-ins.
- Increased pro-social activities.

Medium Violations and Responses

Violations:

- Missed appointment/court (unexcused).
- Positive drug screen.
- Missed testing.
- Incomplete assignment.
- Repeated low level violations.

Responses:

- Additional assignments.
- Community service.
- Increased testing.
- Case management meeting.
- Additional court requirements.
- Increased supervision requirements.

High Violations and Responses

Violations:

- Tampering with drug/alcohol test.
- Dishonesty.
- Forging community service log.
- Noncompliance or termination from treatment.
- New criminal charges.
- Threatening or violent behavior.
- Absconding.
    - The case worker will reach out to the participant at 21 days, and again at 30 days, or the next business day. At the 30-day mark, the case worker will notify the client that if they do not attend the next scheduled court hearing, they will be removed from the program and voluntary withdrawal will be assumed.
- Repeated medium level violations.

Responses:

- Treatment team meeting with participant.
- Day reporting.
- Termination/discharge.

Appendix 5: St. Croix County

St. Croix County Family Treatment Court Program's Oversight Committee Members

- Judge Needham, Presiding Judge for St. Croix County (Counsel Chair)
- Travis Satorious, Attorney Manager, Office of State Public Defender
- Bob Feidler, Chair, County Board
- Greg Tellijohn, Chair of Health and Human Services Board
- Mark Carlson, Chair, Public Protection & Judiciary Committee
- Amber Hahn, Citizen Member
- Randy Morisette, Citizen Member
- Melissa Warrick, Clerk of Circuit Court
- Heather Amos, Corporation Counsel
- Ken Witt, County Administrator
- Bob Rohret, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
- Karl Anderson, St. Croix County District Attorney
- Liesl Nelson, Bar Association
- Chief Mark Richert, Chief of Police
- Curt Thomassen, Faith Based Community
- Eilidh Pederson, Medical Community
- Kyle Schafer, Municipal Courts
- Sheriff Scott Knudson, St. Croix County Sheriff's Department
- Craig Hooyman, Division of Community Corrections

Program Participant Criteria

- 18 years of age or older.
- Have a CHIPS petition in St. Croix County.
- Clinically diagnosed with a substance use disorder.
- Substance is identified by CPS as an ongoing concern.
- Physically able to meet the requirements of the treatment court program including drug and alcohol testing.
- Voluntarily participate in Family Treatment Court and agree to abide by Family Treatment Court rules.

St. Croix County Family Treatment Court

Low Negative Behavior Violations and Sanctions

Violations:

- Missed appointment/court.
- Not achieving Wellness Slip.
- Late to appointment/court.
- Missed testing.

Sanctions:

- Verbal warning/reprimand.

- Assignment.
- Additional/make-up meeting.
- Increased check-ins.
- Curfew modification.

Medium Negative Behavior Violations and Sanctions

Violations:

- Missed appointment/court (unexcused).
- Positive drug screen.
- Missed testing.
- Incomplete assignment.
- Repeated low level violations.
- Non-compliance with case plan/family interaction plan.

Sanctions:

- Additional assignments.
- Community service.
- Increased testing.
- Increased contact with CPS/Coordinator.
- Increased court appearances.
- Delay in phase advancement.

High Negative Behavior Violations and Sanctions

Violations:

- Tampering with drug/alcohol test.
- Dishonesty.
- Discharge from treatment.
- New criminal charges.
- Threatening or violent behavior.
- Absconding.
- Repeated medium level violations.

Sanctions:

- Family Treatment Court team meeting with participant.
- Day reporting.
- Denial of phase advancement.
- Termination.

St. Croix County Family Treatment Court Program

The St. Croix County Family Treatment Court Program consists of five phases which typically totals 12 months in the program. Participants advance through the phases by meeting all expectations, including:

- Participants need to appear at all scheduled FTC court sessions.

- Participants should strive to maintain sobriety and honesty about struggles and use.
- Participants participate in random drug and alcohol testing.

Progress in a phase is measured in part by achieving Wellness Slips, which are monitored by the Family Treatment Court Coordinator and noted by the court. Wellness Slips may be turned into the Family Treatment Court Coordinator for incentives. To earn a Wellness Slip, participants must complete all of the following:

- A treatment activity.
- A wellness activity.
- A pro-social activity.
- Progression on a goal.

Phase 1 Goal: Stabilization of Family

Advancement to Phase 2:

- Complete assessments.
- Achieve one Wellness slip per week.
- Attend bi-weekly court appearances.
- Participate in all scheduled family interventions.
- Parent initiated weekly office visits with case worker and Family Treatment Court Coordinator.
- Home visit.
- 10:00 p.m. curfew.
- Achieve at least three Wellness Slips.
- Complete Family Treatment Court Case Plan.
- Complete Phase 2 application.

Phase 2 Goal: Wellness Through Treatment/Personal Growth

Advancement to Phase 3:

- Engage in treatment and services with regular attendance.
- Achieve one Wellness Slip per week.
- Obtain sponsor/mentor.
- Attend court bi-weekly.
- Participate in all scheduled family interactions.
- Parent initiated bi-weekly office visits with case worker and Family Treatment Court Coordinator.
- Monthly home visits.
- Review Case Plan.
- 11:00 p.m. curfew.
- Achieve at least eight Wellness Slips.
- 20 days of confirmed abstinence.
- Complete Phase 3 application.
- Case plan reviewed and approved.

Phase 3 Goal: Strengthening Bonds

Advancement to Phase 4:

- Engage in treatment and services with regular attendance.
- Achieve one Wellness Slip per week.
- Bi-weekly court appearances.
- Participate in all scheduled family interactions.
- Parent initiated bi-weekly office visits with case worker and FTC Coordinator.
- Monthly home visits.
- Review Case Plan.
- 20 work hours per week.
- Achieve at least 8 Wellness Slips.
- 40 days of confirmed abstinence.
- Complete phase four application.
- Case plan reviewed and approved.

Phase 4 Goal: Maintenance Using Community Recovery Network

Advancement to Phase 5:

- Complete treatment.
- Engage in services with regular attendance.
- Achieve one Wellness Slip per week.
- One family connection activity per week.
- Weekly meetings with sponsor/mentor.
- Monthly court appearances.
- Participate in all scheduled family interactions.
- Parent initiated bi-weekly office visits with case worker and Family Treatment Court Coordinator.
- Monthly home visits.
- 30 work hours per week.
- Achieve at least 10 Wellness Slips.
- 60 days of confirmed abstinence.
- Complete Phase 5 application.
- Case plan reviewed and approved.

Phase 5 Goal: Healthy Family Future

- Minimum 120 days in Phase 5.
- Engage in treatment and services with regular attendance.
- Achieve one Wellness Slip per week.
- One family connection activity per week.
- Weekly meetings with sponsor/mentor.
- Monthly court appearances.
- Participate in all scheduled family interactions.
- Monthly office visits with case worker and Family Treatment Court Coordinator.
- Review Case Plan.

- 30 work hours per week.

To graduate:

- Achieve at least 12 Wellness Slips.
- 90 days of confirmed abstinence.
- Complete graduation application that assesses progress across dimensions of recovery: health, home, purpose, and community.
- Case plan reviewed and approved.