

FY2021 OJJDP Family Drug Court Program: Grant Application

Project Summary

Pinellas County Government and the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court are requesting funding for Category 2: Enhancing Family Drug Courts under the *U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: Family Drug Court Program Grant*. The application is being submitted to support the Pinellas County Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC), which was established in 2016 through a three-year grant and received an enhancement grant in 2018. The proposal requests \$800,000.00 in federal funding and will provide a minimum of \$266,666.67 (required) in match through in-kind services and/or personnel provided by the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court and WestCare.

Population: The population of focus for the proposed project is adult clients of all ages, races and ethnicities who are suffering from substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders and are involved in the justice system as a result of child abuse and neglect issues.

The project proposes to serve 104 clients over the course of the grant. The FDTC is a one-year program.

Plan to Provide Treatment: This project aims to reduce the incidence of substance use by participating parents, improve parenting skills, lower the incidence of drug-exposed newborns and reduce reports of neglect or abuse. The primary treatment setting for the program will be outpatient. A small number of residential beds will be offered as needed and recovery housing will be available as needed through WestCare's Mustard Seed Inn. WestCare's Turning Point facility will be available for clients that relapse as needed. Treatment will be tailored to each client based on level of need and risk, in alignment with an individualized treatment plan. Specialized treatment elements (e.g., curricula, groups, etc.) will be included to enhance program experience for clients experiencing minor co-occurring disorders (e.g., anxiety, sleep disturbances, depression, etc.). Seeking Safety and Nurturing Parents curricula will be used, as well as opioid-specific education.