

WHAT IS FAMILY TREATMENT DRUG COURT (FTDC)?



Family Treatment Drug Courts are rapidly becoming one of the most common and effective programs to help the child welfare system deal with parental substance abuse.

1 WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF FTDCS?

- Help parent achieve sobriety
- Maintain child safety
- Achieve family reunification



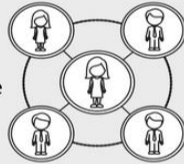
2 WHY WERE FTDCS CREATED?

- To support families combating addiction in a non-adversarial setting



3 WHAT DOES THE FTDC MODEL INVOLVE?

- The FTDC team includes representatives from: the courts, the child welfare system, and the substance abuse treatment systems
- Parents have frequent and regular court hearings to monitor progress
- Parents go through intensive judicial monitoring, including frequent drug testing



4 HOW ARE FTDC DIFFERENT FROM ADULT DRUG COURTS?

- Adult drug courts work with criminally-involved adults abusing substances
- The parents involved in FTDC have civil charges against them, instead of criminal



5 WHY USE FTDCS?

- Parents who graduate FTDCs have higher reunification rates
- FTDC cases are shorter
- *FTDCs save money*



FTDC HELPS PARENTS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES



ON AVERAGE, FTDC PARENTS HAVE QUICKER ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT THAN COMPARISON PARENTS



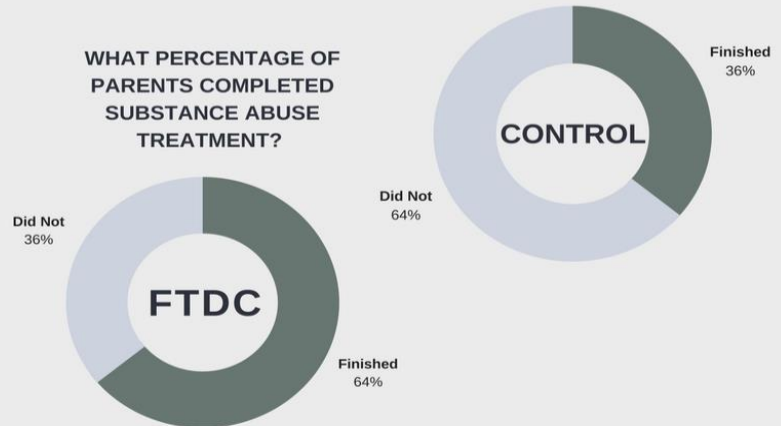
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FTDC PARENTS STAY IN TREATMENT LONGER



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FTDC PARENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO COMPLETE TREATMENT



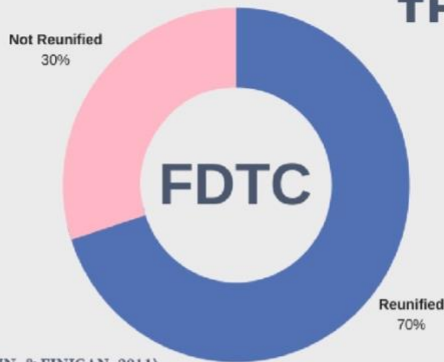
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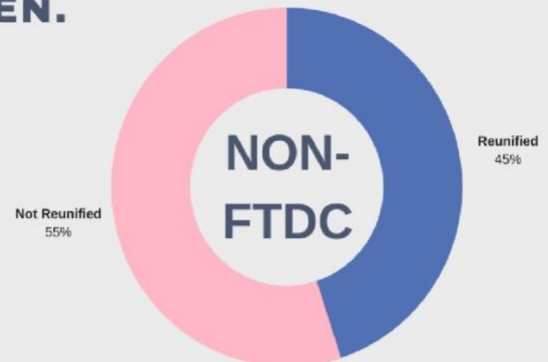
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FTDC IMPROVES CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES

PARENTS IN FTDC ARE MORE LIKELY TO REUNIFY WITH THEIR CHILDREN.



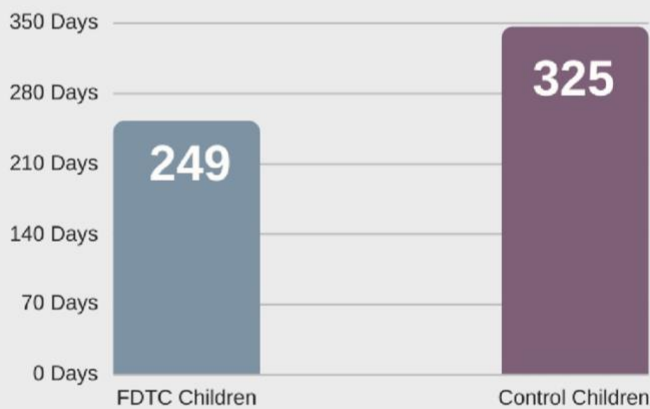
WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN REUNIFIED WITH THEIR PARENTS?



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CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE IN FTDC SPEND LESS TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS.

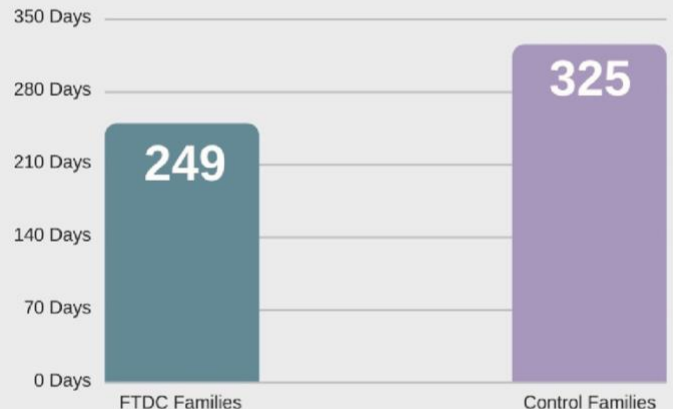
ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY DAYS DID THE CHILDREN SPEND IN FOSTER CARE?



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FTDC FAMILIES REACH PERMANENCY FASTER THAN NON-FTDC.

OF THE FAMILIES THAT REACHED PERMANENCY, HOW MANY DAYS DID IT TAKE?



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FTDC SAVES MONEY

IN BALTIMORE, **200** FAMILIES USING FTDC SAVED THE CITY

\$1,095,598 IN LONG-TERM COSTS.

AVERAGEING **\$5,478** PER FAMILY. THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE REDUCED COST OF LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE.

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