

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Upon acceptance into FAMILY PRESERVATION COURT, the terms and conditions of participation are as follows:

- ☞ Participate in the treatment program
- ☞ Refrain from possessing, using or consuming alcohol or illegal substances
- ☞ Appear in specified court room for FPC hearings on the dates and times ordered by the court
- ☞ Submit to random alcohol/drug tests and any additional alcohol/drug tests ordered by the court and/or directed by the Social Worker
- ☞ Participate in all required court or treatment program activities
- ☞ Attend all required treatment/counseling sessions
- ☞ Comply with all rules of the treatment plan and treatment program
- ☞ Cooperate fully with the Case Manager, treatment program staff, and the Department of Public Social Services
- ☞ Be completely honest and truthful in all your communications with the court

Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in sanctions. Repeated failures may result in your dismissal from FAMILY PRESERVATION COURT.

All parents potentially involved in the dependency court system are encouraged to read this brochure and discuss this program with their ER Worker and/or FPC Case Manager.

The program is designed to provide direct help to parents in addressing their alcohol and/or drug abuse problems.

Acknowledgment of the problem and a willingness to make a commitment are the first steps toward recovery.

A Public Service to Help You Help Yourself

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FAMILY PRESERVATION COURT

Pre-Filing

RIVERSIDE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

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One at a time...



WHAT IS FAMILY PRESERVATION COURT (FPC) PRE-FILING?

FPC pre-filing is an intense court supervised program, designed to assist parents that have been identified as having a substance abuse problem and are at risk of losing their children due to neglect. The goal is to keep families together while providing and tracking intensified services to parents and children.

WHO IS ELEGIBLE?

- Parents who have been identified as having and admit to having a substance abuse problem.
- Families assessed to have low to high risk factors.
- Parents with at risk children ages 0-18.
- Participation is subject to the approval of the FPC .



HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN FPC PRE-FILING?

An emergency response (ER) worker will offer the parent(s) the opportunity to participate in the program after a complete investigation of the child abuse referral.

The FPC Case Manager will schedule an intake appointment within 24 hours of referral from an ER worker.

WHAT SERVICES DO I RECEIVE BY PARTICIPATING IN FPC PRE-FILING?

- Case Management services to ensure that you are receiving all the support you need to stay clean and sober.
- Nurturing Families program and gender specific educational series designed to strengthen family communication and parenting skills.
- Substance abuse counseling, psychotherapy, education sessions, and recovery support groups through community-based programs (bi-lingual and culturally competent).
- Gender and trauma centered groups.
- Frequent alcohol and drug tests.
- Alumni/Aftercare— **assist parents in maintaining connections with other parents and to continue development with the Family Preservation Court (FPC) program.**

HOW LONG DOES FPC PARTICIPATION LAST?

The FPC PRE-FILING consists of four phases over a twelve month period. If you are accepted, participants must make a commitment to follow their treatment plan and appear in court at the following intervals:

- Phase 1- minimum 90 days.
Court appearance every week.
- Phase 2- minimum 90 days.
Court appearance every 2 weeks.
- Phase 3- minimum 90 days.
Court appearance every 3 weeks.
- Phase 4- minimum 90 days.
Court appearance every 4 weeks.

FPC COMPLIANCE

Given that there is a strong support network of treatment, supervision from the court, and personalized support of the Case Manager; Parents will be rewarded for compliance with the program where as failure to comply with FPC orders will result in immediate sanctions.