

"In every conceivable manner, the family is a link to our past, and a bridge to our future."

- Alex Haley



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# Bedford Family Treatment Drug Docket





### What is Family Treatment Docket?

- Virginia drug dockets were formally established in 2004 with the passing of the Drug Treatment Court Act.
- It is an alternative to sentencing for adult participants that are diagnosed with a substance use disorder.
- Family Treatment Docket specializes in the treatment of persons with children at risk of removal from the home or households in which the children have already been placed in foster care or with another caregiver due to the parents substance use.
- The program provides comprehensive substance use treatment, intensive supervision, and supportive services with the ultimate goal of parent & child reunification in a healthy and thriving environment.
- The 5-phase program takes participants approximately 12-18 months to complete.
- Participants are referred into the program by the Bedford Department of Social Services.



# What Family Treatment Dockets Do?

- Reduce substance use and dependency among participants.
- 2. Reduce recidivism & reincarceration.
- 3. Reduce drug-related court workloads.
- 4. Increase personal, familial, and societal accountability among participants.
- 5. Promote effective planning and use of resources among the justice system, community agencies and community stakeholders.

#### How Do Family Treatment Dockets Work?

- Integration of supervision, treatment, and peer support provided.
- Collaboration between court system, treatment services and community.
- Immediate sanctions enforced for noncompliance.
- Encouraging incentives offered for rehabilitated behaviors and milestones.
- Case management provided by Social Services.
- Judicial supervision provided by court.
- Therapy & treatment administered by local providers.











# Family Treatment & Community Impact

- Treatment Dockets allow participants to receive access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment that otherwise might not be available in jail.
- On average, Virginia's Drug Dockets save over \$19,000 per person as opposed to traditional case processing.
- Treatment Dockets reduce prison costs by decreasing the inmate population, thus preventing costly overpopulation in the jail system.
- Recidivism rates of treatment court participants is far lower than that of those who are sentenced regularly (probation, jail/prison).

## Do Family Treatment Dockets Work?

- Research shows that the Drug Treatment Docket model is an effective method to improve treatment adherence & promote recovery by utilizing evidence based treatment models.
- "Treatment Dockets are the single most successful intervention in our nation's history for leading people living with substance abuse and mental health disorders out of the justice system and into lives of recovery and stability." - The National Association of Drug Court Professionals.
- The FTDD is supported by a SAMHSA Federal Grant awarded in 2020.
- Since inception, 16 individuals have graduated from the program with some going on to work in the program themselves.
- Treatment Docket teams engage in ongoing training and collaboration to stay up to date with developments and trends relevant to participant success.

