

# FAMILY TREATMENT COURTS

*JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY SUBSTANCE USE*

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## PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

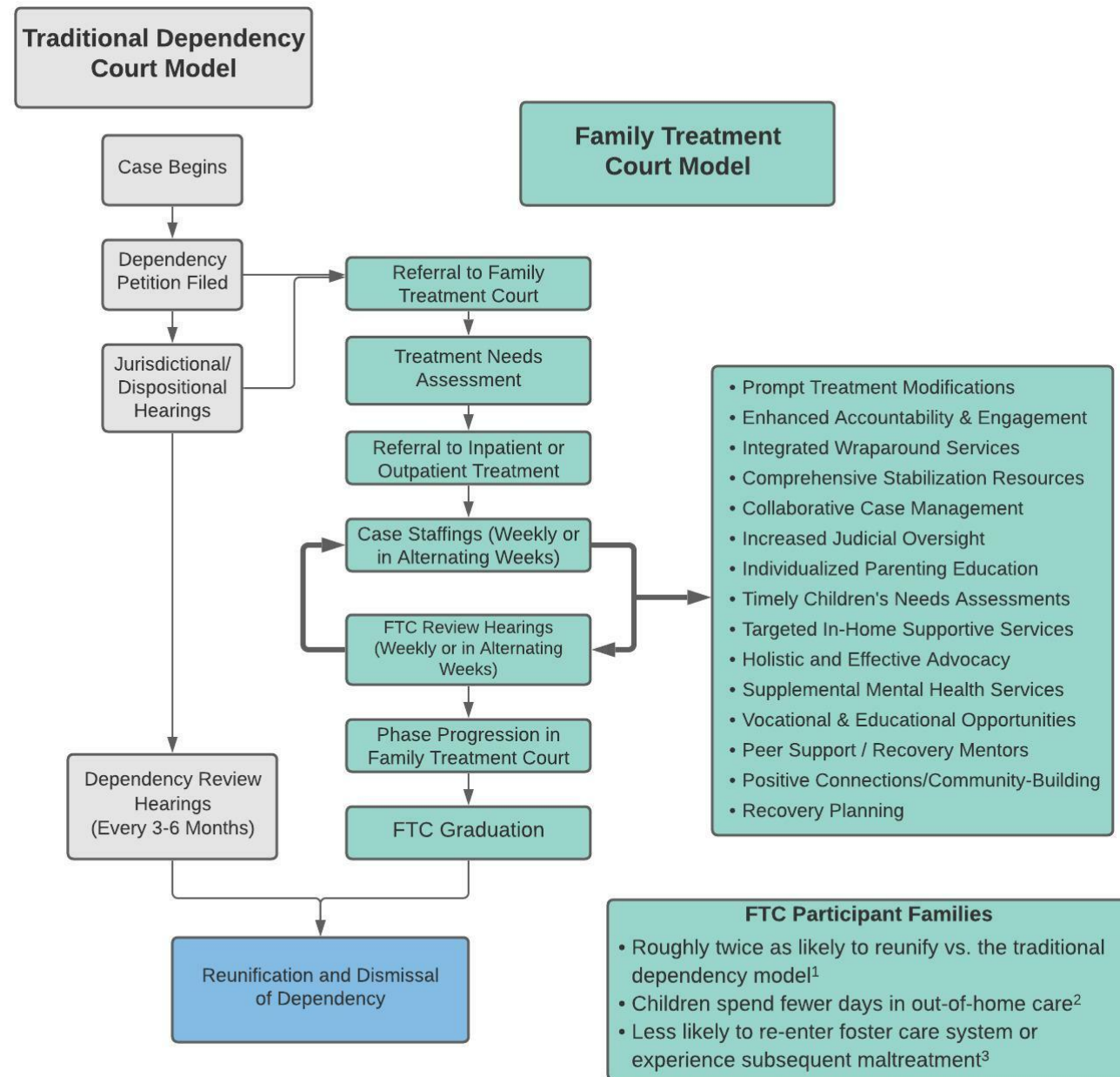
# FAMILY TREATMENT COURT MODEL

- FTCs serve families in the dependency system where substance use issues are alleged
- Multi-disciplinary team meets frequently in staffings and court to make necessary service modifications
- Increased parental accountability and targeted, family-centered treatment plans generate demonstrated improved outcomes for families with very low rate of return to the child welfare system

## OREGON'S CURRENT FTCs:

Columbia  
Coos  
Grant/Harney  
Klamath

Lincoln  
Linn  
Marion  
Wasco



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# ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS FOR FAMILY SUCCESS IN A TREATMENT COURT MODEL

## STATEWIDE

- **Multi-Agency Governance Committee**
  - Provides guidance and oversight to ensure consistency in model fidelity.
  - Allows for collaboration, communication, and coordination among critical stakeholders.
  - Assists OJD, agencies and Legislators in identifying service gaps and other system improvements.
- **Statewide FTC Coordinator**
  - Promotes adherence to best practices and fidelity to the FTC model.
  - Provides ongoing training and technical assistance to ensure judges and team members can meet program performance and participant outcome goals.
  - Engages in comprehensive program evaluation to facilitate continuous quality improvement.

## LOCAL

- **Steering Committees** meet needs specific to local participants and communities.
- **FTC judge** convenes stakeholders, guides the program's team, provides supportive engagement with participants, and ensures accountability.
- **Local FTC Coordinators** facilitate team-member communication and collaboration and engage community partners to secure program resources.
- **Skilled attorneys** for both the state and for parents ensures procedural justice, fairness, and best outcomes for parents and kids. This includes parent attorneys in the **Parent Child Representation Program (PCRP)**.
- **Child Welfare caseworkers** ensure families have the supports that are essential to reunification.
- **Skilled Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment providers** identify continuum of care for participants and deliver individualized, evidence-based, and family-centered interventions.
- **Housing, transportation and other supports** for participants who may need additional financial resources on the road to recovery and reunification.

# JURISDICTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR FTC EXPANSION

<b>Clatsop</b> (Rural County)	Above-average percentage of children in out-of-home care / 62.5% of due to parental Substance Use Disorder (SUD) American Indian/Alaska Native and African American/Black children disproportionally represented Clatsop is already a PCRCP county FY22-23: \$276,621 FY23-25: \$533,267
<b>Umatilla/Morrow</b> (Frontier/Rural Counties)	Above-average percentage of children in out-of-home care / 61.5% due to parental SUD This FTC would provide services to residents in two underserved, rural areas PCRCP would be implemented to serve all families with dependency cases FY22-23: \$1,723,317 FY23-25: \$3,389,368
<b>Lane</b> (Rural/Urban County)	Above-average percentage of children in out-of-home care / 61.4% due to parental SUD American Indian/Alaska Native and African American/Black children disproportionally represented PCRCP would be implemented to serve all families with dependency cases FY22-23: \$2,105,965 FY23-25: \$4,103,357
<b>Josephine</b> (Rural County)	Above-average percentage of children in out-of-home care / 72.3% due to parental SUD High rate of disproportionality among American Indian/Alaska Native children PCRCP would be implemented to serve all families with dependency cases FY22-23: \$652,681 FY23-25: \$1,285,386
<b>Clackamas</b> (Rural/Urban County)	61.5% of children in out-of-home care are due to parental SUD Clackamas has strong multi-agency support for FTC implementation PCRCP would be implemented to serve all families with dependency cases FY22-23: \$1,763,527 FY23-25: \$3,452,790

# RESOURCES NEEDED FOR STATEWIDE MODEL FTC PROGRAM

EXPANSION COUNTIES (MODEL COURTS) ONLY PLUS STATEWIDE COORDINATION COSTS

Biennium	OJD	DOJ	OPDS	ODHS	Participant Supports	Service Gaps*	Total
2021 - 2023	\$2,099,638	\$879,709	\$4,014,465	\$133,819	\$929,964	\$1,000,000	\$9,057,595
2023 - 2025	\$3,766,637	\$1,707,352	\$8,438,842	\$256,044	\$1,859,933	\$2,000,000	\$18,028,808

\* An important role of the FTC Governance Committee will be to help judicial districts identify service gaps and where possible support the expansion or creation of needed services. To begin this process, the workgroup recommends that the legislature allocate \$1 million per year to be utilized by the Governance Committee to be distributed to judicial districts as needed to fill identified service gaps.

# TOTAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

EXPANSION COUNTIES (MODEL COURTS) PLUS STATEWIDE COORDINATION  
AND CRITICAL OJD INVESTMENT FOR EXISTING FAMILY TREATMENT COURTS

Biennium	OJD Model Courts	DOJ Model Courts	OPDS Model Courts	ODHS Model Courts	Participant Supports	Service Gaps*	Critical OJD Investment	Total
2021 - 2023	\$2,099,638	\$879,709	\$4,014,465	\$133,819	\$929,964	\$1,000,000	\$453,964	\$9,511,559
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# HOW WILL LEGISLATIVE FUNDING SUPPORT BETTER OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES?

## Sustainability for Statewide Coordination and Local FTC Funding

➔ Ongoing Training and Technical Assistance to Local Courts  
Facilitated communication among stakeholder agencies  
Infrastructure/resources to conduct continuous quality improvement

➔ Better trained teams lead to more effective interventions  
Collaboration promotes safe and quick return home  
Teams continue to improve through ongoing evaluation and assessment

## Goals:

- Reduce time children spend in out-of-home care
- Reduce reentries to foster care and future maltreatment
- Improve family well-being and stability
- Interrupt generational cycles of abuse, neglect, and substance use disorders



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QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU

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