

**Family Recovery court**

***Are you a parent struggling with substance abuse?***

***Do you need additional support and accountability to be successful?***

If you answered yes, you may qualify for Family Recovery Court. Ask your attorney for more information.

Now that you have agreed to dependency, here is some information about this process that the Judge could not tell you in person. First and most important, this case is about you and your family: **PLEASE be actively involved in your case**, so your child(ren) can safely be returned to your care. The Court, your attorney, your child’s attorney (if there is one) your child’s advocate (GAL), the DCYF social worker, your community advocates and all others involved in your case want you to successfully reunite with your family. The purpose of the court process is to help to make sure that can safely happen.

* The Court Order signed today lists all the services you must participate in as part of your service plan. The DCYF social worker will make referrals for each ordered service so you can quickly begin these services. If for some reason you do not receive a referral, if you do not know if a referral has been made, or if you have any questions or concerns about the referrals(s), please contact your attorney – you should also contact your social worker right away.
* All services the court ordered are intended to help you safely parent your child(ren) at home. It is important that you begin your court ordered services as soon as you can. **If you are not sure what to do, ask your attorney and/or social worker.**
* The Court will review your progress with services on a regular basis. The reason for that review is to make sure services are helpful to you and your family, that you are making progress and that DCYF is providing you with the services the court ordered.

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| **Your Attorney Contact Information** |
| Name: |
| Phone: |
| Email: |

 **Next Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

It is important for you **and** for your children that you spend time together on a regular basis, and in a safe and age appropriate way. We hope that you prioritize this time! If for any reason you are not able to attend time with your children, or if you have any problems getting to see your children, you should let your social work and attorney know right away! Family time together is the right of you and of your children, including time for siblings to be together.

Court ordered services

Family Time (visitation)

Community Supports

There are many high-quality community-based supports for you and your family. These supports are here to help you successfully reunite with your family and can give you information and encouragement that you may prefer to get from outside of the court process. There are many supports listed on the Court’s Webpage under *Helpful Links and Resources*

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