



## What is FTC?

Family Treatment Courts are specialized courts for families involved in the child welfare system due to substance abuse. Family Treatment Courts provide wraparound services and multidisciplinary supports to address parental substance abuse and to promote stable, long-term, family reunification.

DC established its Family Treatment Court in 2003. CASA DC is one of its multidisciplinary stakeholders, striving to work with all subject youth of Family Treatment Court cases. CASA volunteers provide FTC youth with unique one on one supports and experiences and provide the Family Treatment Court with insights and advocacy on the youth and family's needs.

- National evidence-based research shows that:
- Parents in family treatment courts are twice as likely to go to treatment and complete it
  - Children of participants spend significantly less time in foster care
  - Family reunification rates are 50% higher for family treatment court participants

# FAMILY TREATMENT COURT

A CASA DC Special Program in partnership with the DC Superior Court



*"I consider myself a freedom fighter from the incarceration of addiction."*  
~ FTC Graduate and Father, 2018

## Family Treatment Court: Court Appointed Special Advocates

Every Family Treatment Court youth over 1 year is referred for a CASA.

FTC youth typically range from 1.5 - 15 years old.

CASAs develop supportive one on one relationships with FTC youth.

CASAs engage youth in positive activities and help them to achieve learning and life goals.

FTC CASAs provide increased assessments and advocacy to the Court, which are represented by staff at Weekly FTC meetings.

As the case progresses towards reunification, FTC CASAs support the youth and family, promoting parent/child bonds and advocating for the best interests of the family.

**Want to learn more?**  
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