



Family Preservation Court (FPC) is a chance to break the cycle of addiction and build a better life for you and your family. Our team will work closely with you to help you on your path to recovery while getting your child back in your care or keeping your child safely in your care. Our main goal is to keep your child out of the foster care system and support your recovery.

FPC is a voluntary, year-long program. FPC uses a team approach. Our team is made up of a judge, a coordinator, a case manager, a Department of Children and Family Services case worker, your attorney, a substance abuse treatment professional, and a court appointed special advocate (CASA). Our team works with you to understand your needs and goals and help you meet your needs and achieve your goals. FPC uses a phase system to help us track your progress toward meeting your case plan goals. FPC gives incentives and sanctions. When you do well in the program you will be rewarded with incentives. When you struggle in the program you will receive therapeutic sanctions which will be customized to help you get back on track. We are here to support you and want you and your family to live a happy, healthy life.

Most clients will:

- Attend court appearances
- Submit to drug screens
- Attend and participate in substance abuse treatment
- Attend and participate in mental health treatment (if necessary)
- Complete parenting classes
- Complete your education
- Meet with your case manager and case worker
- Get a sponsor
- Complete job readiness training

Next steps:

- 1- Your DCFS case manager or attorney will contact FPC.
- 2- FPC will contact you to set up a meeting.
- 3- Meet with the FPC coordinator and case manager to see if you qualify. At this meeting you will:
 - a. Receive more information about FPC
 - b. Answer a questionnaire
 - c. Complete a 10-minute screening
- 4- If you qualify, FPC will make an appointment for you to have a full assessment.
- 5- You will complete a full assessment. That assessment will tell if you are a good fit for the program.
- 6- If you are a good fit, you start the program!

All children are afforded safe, strong, and healthy families in a supportive community.

Questions? Call Courtney at 504.227.7869 or email her at cschroeder@jppc.org