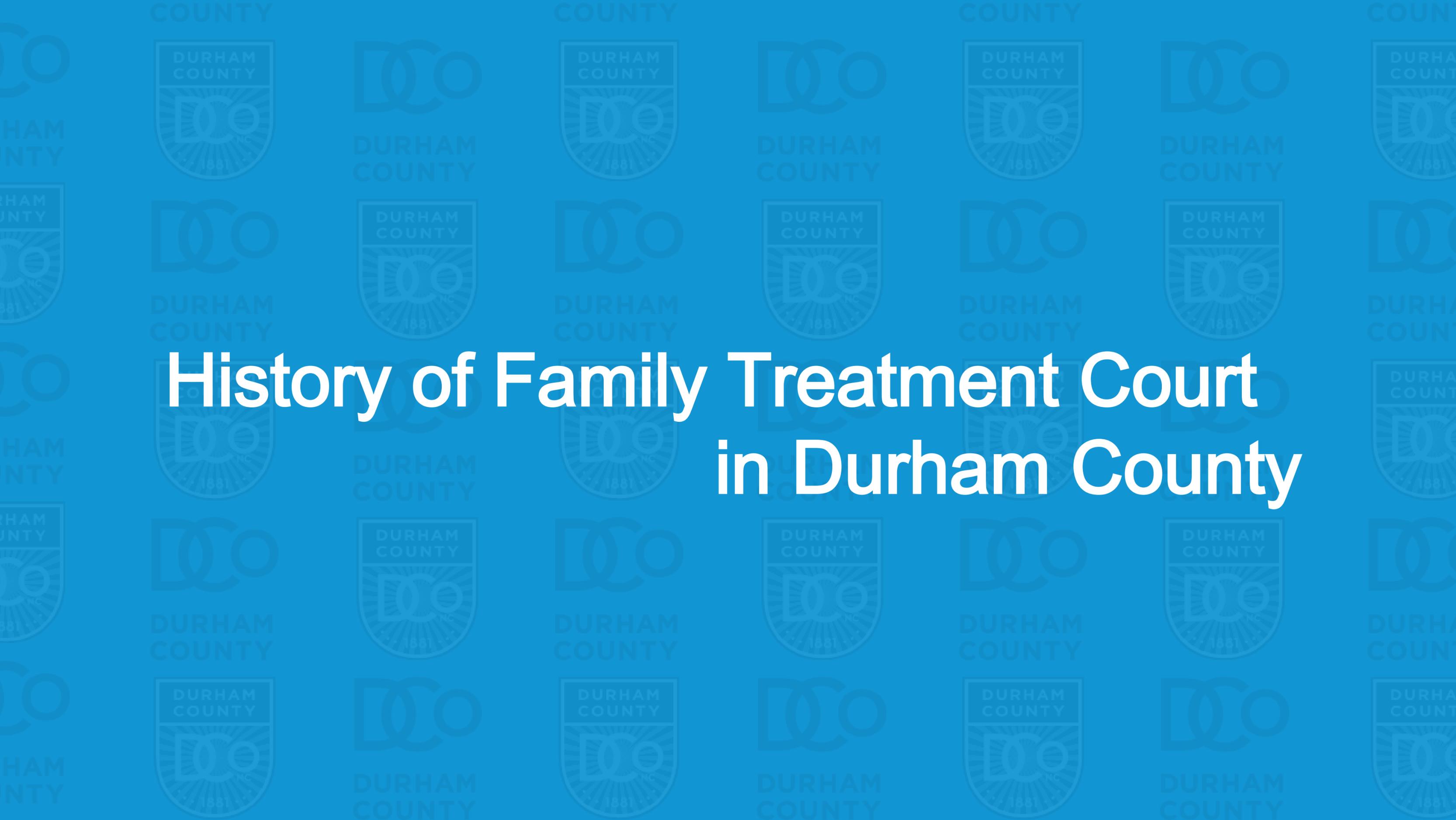




# **FAMILY TREATMENT COURT**

**PROPOSAL**  
February 2026

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# History of Family Treatment Court in Durham County

# Family Treatment Court in Durham County

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- Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) funded an FTC from 2002 to 2012
- Eliminated due to funding cuts
- FTC received 93 referrals between 2004 and 2011
- One-third of participants completed all required program stages

# Family Treatment Court 2002 -2012 Performance Metrics

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**Graduation rates**

**29% ↑**  
**→ 36%**

**Average length  
of stay**

**9 ↑**  
**12+ months**

**Retention over  
6 months**

**35% ↑**  
**to 86%**

# Family Treatment Courts Documented Outcomes

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- Parents were 25%–35% more likely to complete treatment\*\*
- Out-of-home placement time decreased by 3 –6 months for children
- Children were 15%-40% more likely to be reunited with their parents/caregivers

\*\*Compared to standard recovery programs – Source: 2016 U.S. Drug Courts Report



# DCo DSS– Child & Family Services Division Snapshot

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\*\*Data as of December 2025



# Key Takeaways

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- Reinstating a Family Treatment Court can:
  - Decrease the burden on DSS
  - Strengthen cross-system collaboration by uniting peer FTC courts in North Carolina, child welfare agencies, and treatment providers
    - There are currently 14 successful FTCs in North Carolina:
      - Beaufort (District 2)
      - Catawba (District 36)
      - Chatham (District 18)
      - Cumberland (District 14)
      - Greene (District 9)
      - Lenoir (District 9)
      - Martin (District 2)
      - Mecklenburg (District 26)
      - Orange (District 18)
      - Robeson (District 20)
      - Scotland (District 21)
      - Union (District 30)
      - Washington (District 2)
      - Wayne (District 9)



# Program Structure & Goals

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**Target Population:** high-risk, high-need parents/caregivers involved in the child welfare system for whom substance use impacts parenting. Program success will lead to better outcomes for reunifying families.

## Program Referral and Enrollment

- Any parent/caregiver that meets FTC participant and program criteria may be referred
- Identified referrals will complete a clinical comprehensive assessment (CCA)
- If participant meets criteria for the program, a recommendation for treatment will be made, and they may voluntarily enroll in FTC services



# Program Structure

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## Program Management

- Program administered by two full -time grant funded staff members:
  - Coordinator
  - Case Manager
- Housed within the Justice Services Department
- Report to the Clinical Services Manager

# Program Structure

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## Program Timeline

### YEAR ONE:

- 0-3 Months - Formalize interagency agreements; hire and train FTC staff
- 4-6 Months - Begin accepting referrals and enrollment for participants; begin Family Treatment Court sessions and treatment services
- 7-9 Months - Assessments for successful participants completing program phases
- 10-12 Months - Assessments for successful participants completing program phases; preparation for program graduation for successful participants

### YEAR TWO:

- 13-24 Months - Ongoing enrollment for new participants; treatment; program graduation for successful participants; increase number of unduplicated enrolled participants from Year One



# Key Program Goals

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**Goal 1:** Initiate and implement program components, including operational procedures and data collection processes.

- Includes hiring full-time staff

**Goal 2:** Begin participant referral and enrollment process.

- Admit 10 unduplicated participants into FTC program and any needed wraparound services



# Key Program Goals

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**Goal 3:** Increase treatment opportunities and access to SUD and mental health services.

- Funnel conversion analysis (referral → pre-screen → screened → eligible → admitted)
- Track additional FTC participant outcomes (family reunification, life skills training, access to safe/stable housing)

**Goal 4:** Establish measures for participant engagement and graduation rates from FTC program.

## Estimated Number of Unduplicated Individuals to be Served Year One

| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total Served  |
|----|----|----|----|---|
| 0  | 2  | 3  | 5  | 10 participants (potential positive impact for up to 25 children) |



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# Budget Proposal

# Budget Proposal – Year One

| <b>Expense</b>          | <b>Note/Explanation</b>   | <b>Total Request</b> |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------|
| <b>Personnel</b>        | Two full-time staff - Coordinator and Case Manager*                                   | \$100,000.00         |
| <b>Fringe Benefits</b>  | Fringe expenses for two full-time staff*  | \$51,512.50          |
| <b>Equipment/Office</b> | Laptops, office supplies, equipment/furniture, printing/copying                       | \$5,000.00           |
| <b>Program Supplies</b> | Program supplies, including drug screening kits*/lab confirmations and SUD curriculum | \$10,000.00          |
| <b>Other</b>            | Staff cell phones   | \$1,600.00           |
|                         | <b>TOTAL PROPOSED YEAR ONE EXPENSES:</b>  | \$168,112.50         |
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- Salaries & Fringe estimated for 10 months
- Drug screenings estimated at \$1000 per month for 9 months



# Family Treatment Court Work Group

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- Roshanna Humphrey, Justice Services Director
- Maggie Clapp, DSS Director
- Dawn Baxton, Public Defender
- Judge Kendra Montgomery Blinn, North Carolina 16th Judicial District