



“In every conceivable manner,
the family is a link to our past,
and a bridge to our future.”

- Alex Haley



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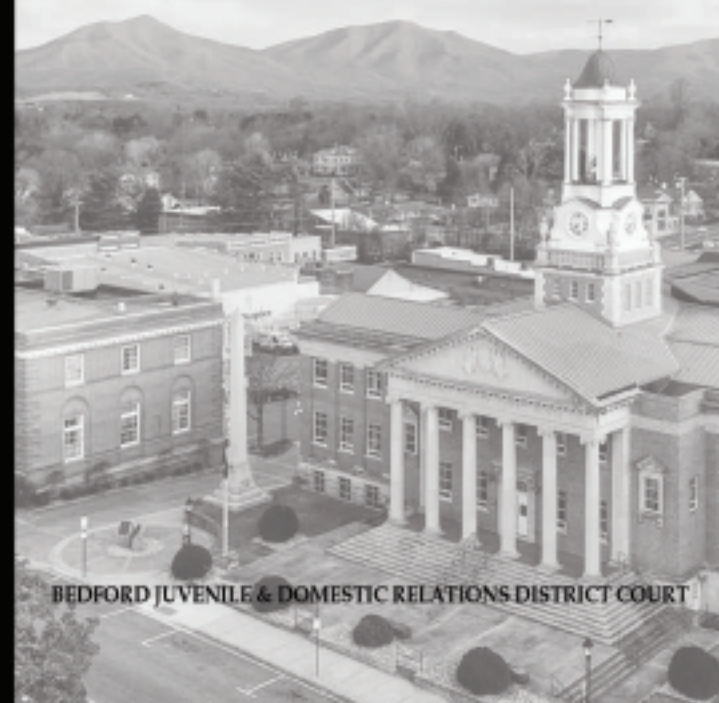
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BEDFORD FAMILY
RECOVERY COURT



BEDFORD JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

What is Family Recovery Court?

- Virginia Recovery Courts were formally established in 2004 with the passing of the Drug Recovery Court Act.
- Family Recovery Court specializes in the treatment of persons with children at risk of removal from the home or households in which the children have already been placed in foster care or with another caregiver due to the parents' substance use.
- The program provides intensive supervision, supportive services, and focuses on establishing new healthy, supportive relationships with the ultimate goal of parent & child reunification in a healthy and thriving environment.
- The 5-phase program takes approximately 12 months to complete.
- Participants are generally referred to the program by the Department of Social Services however, there are other options for those ready to make healthy lifestyle changes and receive the support offered by the Family Recovery Court Program.



What Do Family Recovery Courts Promote?

1. Reduce substance use and dependency among participants.
2. Reunite children with their family member(s).
3. Reduce drug-related court workloads.
4. Increase personal, familial, and societal accountability among participants.
5. Promote effective planning and use of resources among the justice system, community agencies and community stakeholders.

How Do Family Recovery Courts Work?

- Integration of supervision, treatment, and peer support provided.
- Collaboration between court system, treatment services and community.
- Immediate sanctions enforced for noncompliance.
- Encouraging incentives offered for rehabilitated behaviors and milestones.
- Case management provided by Social Services and the Court's Coordinator
- Judicial supervision provided by court.
- Therapy & treatment administered by local providers.



Family Recovery & Community Impact

- Recovery Courts allow participants to receive access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment that otherwise might not be available in jail.
- On average, Virginia's Recovery Courts save over \$19,000 per person as opposed to traditional case processing.
- Recovery Courts reduce prison costs by decreasing the inmate population, thus preventing costly overpopulation in the jail system.
- Recidivism rates of treatment court participants is far lower than that of those who are sentenced regularly (probation, jail/prison).

Do Family Recovery Courts Work?

- Research shows that the Recovery Court model is an effective method to improve treatment adherence & promote recovery by utilizing evidence based treatment models.
- "Recovery Courts are the single most successful intervention in our nation's history for leading people living with substance use and mental health disorders out of the justice system and into lives of recovery and stability." - The National Association of Drug Court Professionals.
- The BFRC is supported by a SAMHSA Federal Grant awarded in 2020.
- Since inception, over 20 individuals have graduated from the program with some going on to work for the program themselves.
- Recovery Court teams engage in ongoing training and collaboration to stay up to date with developments and trends relevant to participant success.

