

Findings from the Retrospective Phase Family Drug Treatment Court National Cross-Site Evaluation

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The Federal Partners

- **Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**
 - **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)**
 - **Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN)**
 - **Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)**
- **Department of Justice (DOJ)**
 - **Drug Court Program Office (DCPO)**
 - **National Institute of Justice (NIJ)**

The Contractors - April 2002

- **Johnson, Bassin and Shaw**
 - **Mr. Ray Johnson, Officer in Charge**
 - **Dr. Kazi Ahmed, Task Order Manager**
 - **Project coordination**
 - **Communications among partners**
 - **Hiring and supervision of Site Research staff**
 - **Logistics for project meetings**
- **Center for Children and Family Futures, Inc.**
 - **Dr. Nancy Young, Executive Director**
 - **Dr. Mamie Wong, Senior Research Associate**
 - **Tina Adkins, Research Associate**
 - **Shaila Simpson, Assistant Director**
 - **Development and implementation of the evaluation plan**
 - **Site selection criteria and implementation**
 - **Research design and methodology**
 - **Data analyses**
 - **Drafting of reports**

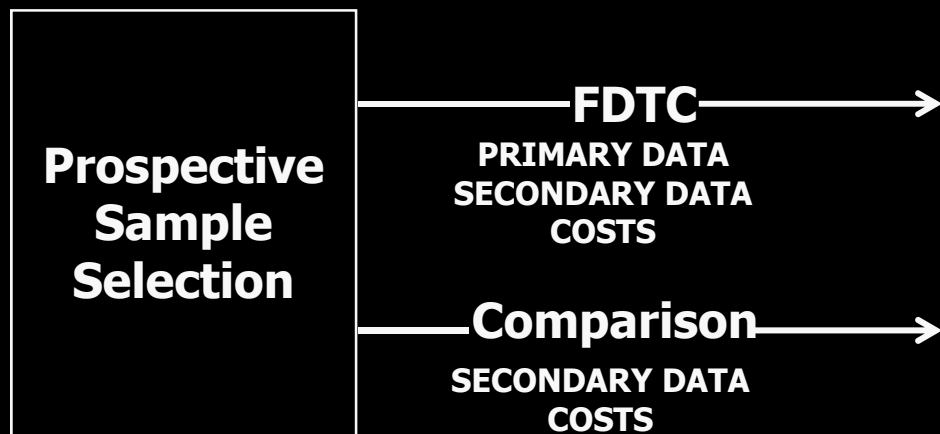
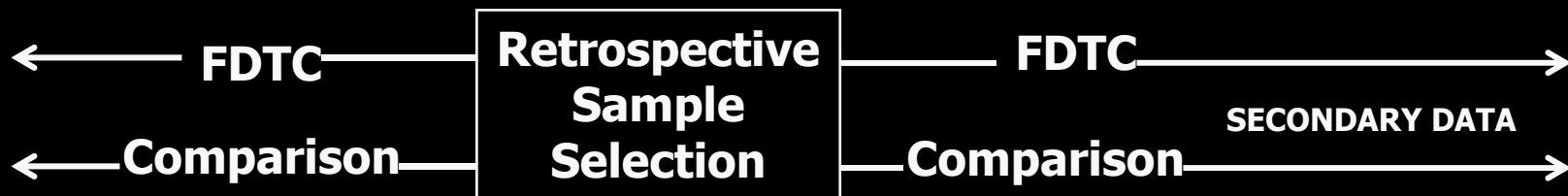
Overall Evaluation Conceptual Plan

Overall Study Questions

- **What are the components and active ingredients of family drug treatment courts?**
- **How do programs and procedures in the target family drug treatment courts differ from one another?**
- **How do the various systems involved with family drug treatment courts work together?**
- **Are family drug treatment courts more effective than standard services in achieving the key outcomes of the child welfare, substance abuse treatment and court systems?**
- **Are family drug treatment courts cost beneficial?**

Eight Year Retrospective and Prospective Plan

1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006



The Retrospective Study Evaluation Plan

Retrospective Study Conceptual Model

System

- Environment and Context of Partner Agencies
 - Treatment
 - CWS
 - Court

Family

- Strengths & Needs
- AOD Severity
- CW Risks

FDTC Program

- Court oversight
- Intensive case supervision
- Treatment linkages
- Systems' Collaboration

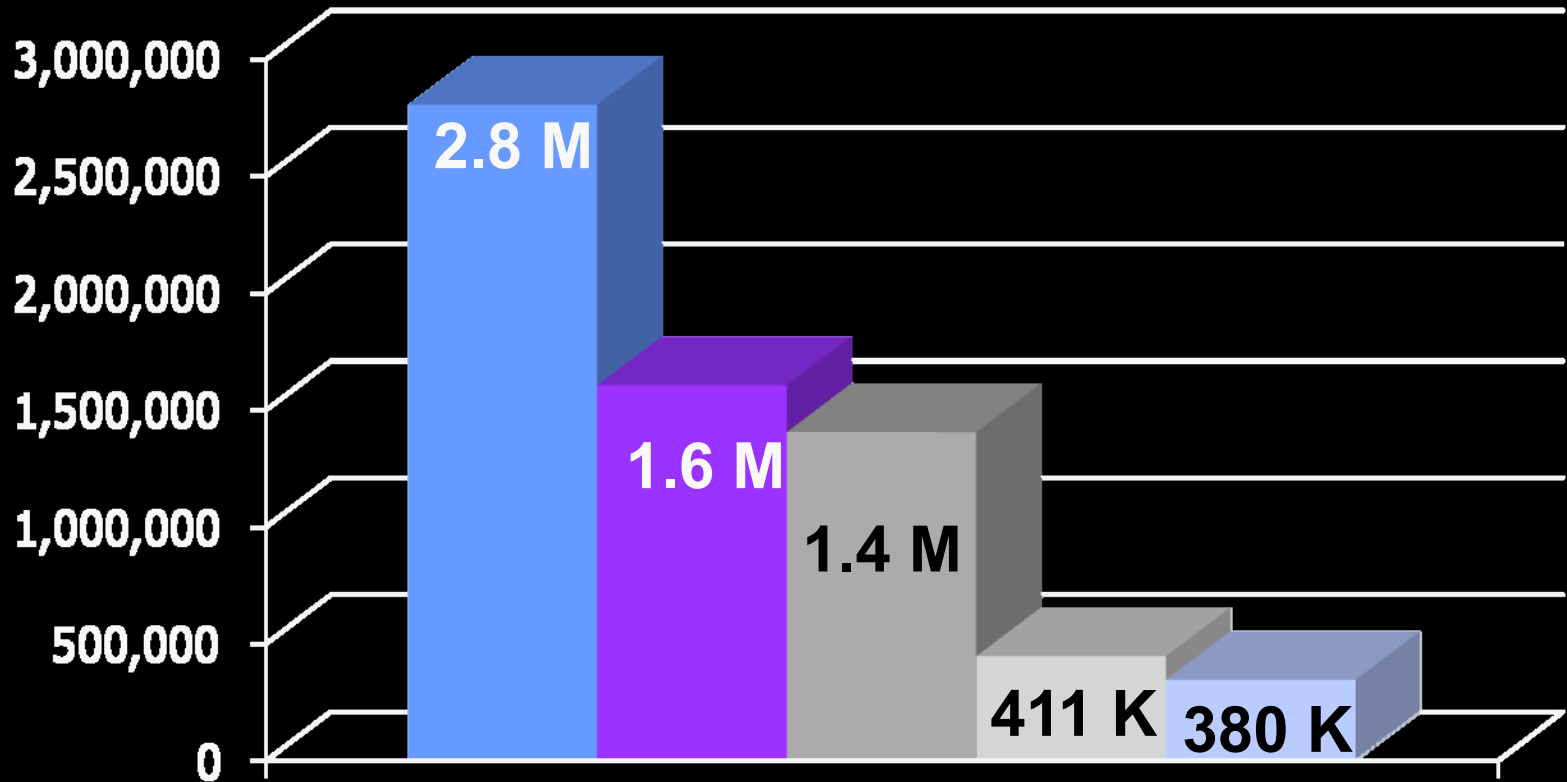
Key Outcomes

- Treatment
 - Access to Treatment
 - Engagement
 - Retention
 - Completion
 - Functional Status
- Child Welfare Services
 - Safety
 - Permanence
- Dependency Court
 - Case Resolution
 - Compliance with statutory timelines
 - Nature of Court Hearings

The Study Sites

- **The FDTC Sites & their comparison cases**
 - **Jackson County, Missouri & similar cases not enrolled in FDTC**
 - **Washoe County, Nevada & similar cases not offered FDTC**
 - **San Diego, California & similar cases entering CWS prior to FDTC implementation**
 - **Santa Clara, California & similar cases entering CWS prior to FDTC implementation**
 - **Suffolk County, New York & another court in the same county with standard services**

County Population



■ San Diego ■ Santa Clara ■ Suffolk ■ Jackson ■ Washoe

FDTC Start Date

1994

1995

1996

1997

1998

1999

Washoe
First in Nation

Suffolk
Pilot Countywide

San Diego
1st Court Countywide

Jackson
April

Santa Clara
October

Special Features

- **Jackson**
 - **Primary focus on prenatally-exposed infants**
- **Santa Clara**
 - **DADS assessors on-site at courthouse**
 - **Mentor Moms provide support to parents**
- **San Diego**
 - **Countywide assessment and recovery case management**
 - **DDC only for those noncompliant with dependency court orders**

Special Features

- **Suffolk**

- **Court Appointed Special Advocates assigned to every child**
- **AOD assessor on-site at courthouse**

- **Washoe**

- **Foster Grandparents provide support to families**
- **CPS-contracted AOD assessor**

Total Number of FDTC Graduates in 2000 and 2001

Study Sites	Parents	Children
San Diego ¹	71	
Suffolk	67	154
Santa Clara	52	98
Washoe	52	81
Jackson	40	91

¹ Only 2nd Tier of DDC participants are eligible to graduate

