

Name of Lead Agency	County of Lucas
Location	Toledo, OH
Title of Project	Pre-Removal Family Drug Court Program
Program Option	RPG 3-Year Grant (2008-2011); \$500,000 annually
Geographic Area and Congressional District Served	Lucas County Congressional District 9
Brief Program Description	<p>The purpose of the Pre-Removal Family Drug Court Program was to expand and improve the continuum of services provided by the Lucas County Family Drug Court.</p> <p>The program’s objectives included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging substance abusing participants in treatment at the earliest point of their contact with child protection services • Facilitating earlier and safer reunification, especially for young children • Addressing a fuller spectrum of family problems which contribute to child maltreatment <p>The project’s approach included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing drug court services to “pre-removal” child protection cases either by contract, prior to filing in court or upon filing, with a request for Lucas County Children Services’ (LCCS) protective supervision • Providing supportive housing for pre- and post-removal drug court participants, in which reunification could occur and new sobriety and parenting skills could be practiced under supervision
Target Population	<p>Lucas County Juvenile Court served:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance abusing parents whose children have been removed due to maltreatment • Families who have an open child protection case predicated on substance abuse and whose children remain at home
Participants Served	<p>Children: 266</p> <p>Adults: 164</p> <p>Families: 142</p>

<p>Major Goals</p>	<p>Major program goals included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to establish collaboration among the agencies involved in the development and implementation of the Pre-Removal Family Drug Court Program • Establishing and finalizing the program structure for the Pre-Removal Family Drug Court Program • Developing a plan for sustainability of the Post-Removal Family Drug Court Program
<p>Key Major Program Services</p>	<p>Case Management and In-Home Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive/Coordinated Case Management <p>Parenting/Family Strengthening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manualized/Evidence-Based Parenting Program – Celebrating Families! <p>Mental Health and Trauma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychiatric Care • Trauma-Specific Services <p>Substance Abuse Treatment for Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aftercare/Continuing Care • Family-Centered Treatment • Expanded and enhanced Family Dependency Treatment Court <p>Specialized Outreach Children’s Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Intervention Services • Developmental Services • Trauma Services • Substance Abuse Treatment for Children/Youth <p>Housing Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Support Services and Assistance • Emergency Housing • Transitional/Short-Term housing • Permanent Supportive housing • Permanent Housing <p>Engagement/Involvement of Fathers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted Outreach to Fathers h, Engagement and Retention • Cognitive Behavior Therapy Strategies – Contingency Management • Co-located Staff

<p>Partner Agencies and Organizations</p>	<p>Child Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional/County Child Welfare Agency <p>Substance Abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional/County Substance Abuse Agency • Substance Abuse Treatment Provider(s) <p>Courts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Treatment Drug Court • Juvenile Justice Agency • Court Appointed Special Advocates <p>Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Legal and Related Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Department of Corrections (including State probation and prisons) • County Corrections (including county/local probation and jails) • Local Law Enforcement • Attorney(s) General • Legal Services/Client Advocacy <p>Mental Health and Health Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional/County Mental Health Agency • Mental Health Services Providers • Adult Health Services Provider/Hospital • Children’s Health Services Provider/Hospital <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing/Homeless Services Provider <p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Services Provider <p>Other Community and Child and Family Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Visiting Agency or Services Provider • Church or Faith-based Organization • Domestic Violence Services Provider/Agency <p>Other Evaluation and Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluator (University-Affiliated or Other)
<p>Evaluation Design and Comparison</p>	<p>Quasi-experimental Same-Time, Matched Population-Level</p>

Group Type	
Performance Indicators	<p>Safety</p> <p><u>Average Length of Stay in Foster Care:</u> Lucas County Family Drug Court (LCFDC) had 54 FDC children and 20 comparison children discharged from foster care. All 54 FDC children and 20 comparison children were discharged to reunification. The mean length of stay in foster care was 87 days for the FDC children and 219.9 days for the comparison children.</p> <p><u>Timeliness of Reunification:</u> Of the 54 children in LCFDC, 52 children (96.3 percent) were reunified in less than 12 months. It should also be noted that 38 children (73.0 percent) in the LCFDC program were reunified in less than 3 months.</p> <p>Recovery</p> <p><u>Access Timely and Appropriate Substance Abuse Treatment:</u> In the LCFDC program, 148 adults were admitted to substance abuse treatment. For the LCFDC program the average number of days to treatment entry from RPG entry was listed as 50 days.</p> <p><u>Reduction of Use:</u> In 100.0 percent of the cases in LCFDC, there was a reduction in substance use from treatment intake to discharge.</p>
Sustainability Status	<p>With the assistance of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services grant, the court continued to contract with Lucas County Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities for two case manager positions. The maximum capacity of the program decreased to 40 clients versus 60 clients without the additional case manager that was funded by the RPG grant. The LCCS and the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board reported continuing funding for fiscal year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$450,000 for treatment services for all LCCS clients, which include LCFDC clients.</p>