Substance Exposed Newborn Collaborative Court Team Enhancement Project
Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County, Juvenile Department

Target Population
Parents of substance exposed newborns (SEN) who have entered Maricopa County Juvenile Court in a Dependency matter.

Capacity Goals
- Enroll at least 30 parents of SEN/year into Family Treatment Court (FTC).
- Enroll at least 90 parents of SEN into FTC throughout the project period.

Project Information
Lead Agency: Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County, Juvenile Department
Location: Maricopa County, Arizona

Cradle to Crayons Start Date: 2011
Cradle to Crayons Capacity: Approx. 2,500 children per year
Family Treatment Court Start Date: 2012
Family Treatment Court Capacity: 180 parents per year

Project Goals
System Level Goals
- The C2C Steering Committee will have a specific goal and focus of addressing the unique needs of SEN and their families and will add partners from the medical community, including maternal, infant, and medical assisted treatment providers.
- The C2C Steering Committee will use improved data collection to drive discussions regarding system change specific to the SEN population.
- Juvenile Court Department will begin tracking SEN characteristics in Dependency cases.
- The Collaborative’s efforts will improve knowledge and training across the system regarding SEN population.

Client Level Goals
- Family Treatment Court will serve at least 30 parents of SEN yearly and will hire an Ally to serve enrolled parents with a SEN and pregnant participants.
- Family Treatment Court will improve data collection mechanisms and make an improvement plan.
- Family Treatment Court will have updated participation information for clients participating in MAT.
- Family Treatment Court will respond consistently to all enrolled mothers reporting pregnancy while in the program.

Programs & Services
Cradle to Crayons Approach
The Cradle to Crayons (C2C) approach addresses the most vulnerable populations of children in state care, children ages zero to three. The goal of C2C is to remove barriers, ensure integrated timely service delivery occurs, and expedite safe permanency for infants, young children and their families. C2C is modeled after the Safe Babies Court Teams, which is a recognized promising practice by the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare.

The C2C Approach includes:
- Judicial leadership
- Family Treatment Court
- Community Coordination
- C2C Clinical Services (child-parent psychotherapy, family time coaching, trauma therapy, and resource coordination)
- Community collaboration

Family Treatment Court
Family Treatment Court (FTC) is a problem solving court that holds parents accountable to their substance abuse treatment and sobriety. It is designed to improve outcomes for parents who have dependency court involvement due to allegations of substance abuse. Court-supervised drug treatment improves success in gaining and maintaining sobriety. The program involves frequent hearings before a Judicial Officer who works to help motivate and provide accountability to parents as they travel on their journey to sobriety.

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Courts: Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County, Juvenile Department
Child Welfare: Department of Child Safety
Healthcare: Maricopa County Public Health
Treatment: Terros Health

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