Early Childhood Court provides a collaborative, therapeutic, problem-solving team approach to working with families. It’s designed to achieve permanency, including reunification, for children in the child welfare system as early as possible, by providing assessments and needed services.

**KEY PARTNERS**
- Jewish Family and Community Services
- Northeastern Early Steps
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Kernan Law Firm
- Regional Conflict Counsel
- Duval County Courts
- Office of the State Courts Administrator
- Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc.
- Memorial Hospital
- Gateway Community Services
- Florida Department of Health
- Florida Department of Children and Families & Children’s Legal Services
- Hope and Healing Center

**GOALS**
- **Strengthen** cross-system understanding and professional/provider competencies and practices as they relate to treatment goals, service planning.
- **Increase** the number of therapists trained in Child Parent Psychotherapy to help address and heal trauma.
- **Work** with community partners to ensure that women who are pregnant and in a Substance Use Disorder program during their pregnancy are prepared for Healthy Start and Department of Children and Families involvement at the hospital, and enter the hospital with an initial plan of safe care.
- **Improve** outcomes for pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders, their infants with prenatal substance exposure and their families.
- **Increase** community providers trained in Circle of Security.

**PROGRAM FUNCTION**
The Duval County Early Childhood Court (ECC) is committed to strengthening collaborations and linkages across child welfare, addiction treatment, public health, medical communities, early intervention, and other family support systems.

**PROGRAM START**
- JANUARY 2016
- The number of families: 20

**CURRENT ENROLLMENT**
- SEPTEMBER 2021
- The number of families: 13

**PROGRAM GOAL**
- Increase to 40 families