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DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT

Community Need

A contributing factor in 80% of dependency cases is alcohol and drug use by one or both of the children's parents. The delay in the completion of cases within the federal and state statutory guidelines for expedient placement and reasonable efforts may be due to several factors. The factors may include: 1) the lack of availability of alcohol and drug treatment services, or 2) the poor participation of the substance abusing parent(s) in the recovery program often due to the inability of the treatment program to engage them to treatment. Family treatment courts are one approach to addressing these problems.

Family Treatment Court Model

Some key components of family treatment courts include: early identification and placement of eligible participants in the drug court program; identification of risk factors for negative outcomes; access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and related treatment and rehabilitation services; monitoring of abstinence by frequent alcohol and other drug testing; a coordinated strategy to govern drug court responses to participants' compliance; ongoing judicial interaction with each participant; monitoring and evaluation to measure the program outcome and effectiveness; continuing interdisciplinary education to promote effective planning, implementation and operations; and forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations in order to generate local support and enhance drug court program effectiveness (Office of Justice Program, OJP, 1998).

Program Development and Implementation

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Juvenile Division, implemented the Dependency Drug Court (DDC) Demonstration Project in March 1999. Participant's eligibility is based upon their need for substance abuse treatment and their involvement in dependency cases. DDC provides substance abuse screening and assessment and referrals to treatment with focus on issues related to mental health, trauma (e.g. sexual abuse and domestic violence), parenting, and family dynamics. The length of the program is a minimum of one year commencing with the parent's agreement to participate. This project closely monitors progress and compliance with the Our Kids Provider Case Plan including the specialized plan for substance abuse/mental health intervention. Participants also receive therapeutic intervention, intensive case-management, and wraparound services. DDC utilizes a behavioral management system of rewards for compliance and sanctions for non-compliance. Cases will be followed until completion within statutory guidelines.

The DDC project is funded through the County of Miami Dade and is supported by the Department of Children and Families and the University of Miami. DDC is directed by the Honorable Judge Jeri B. Cohen and conducted and monitored in the Judge's courtroom. Initial planning was conducted by the Planning Committee which consisted of: Judge Jeri B. Cohen, Sharon Abrams (AOC), Mary Larrea, M.S. (AOC), Tracey Ziegler, Psy.D. (AOC), Lynne Katz, Ph.D. (U of M), members of the AOC, and representatives of Department of Children and Families (DCF), community substance abuse treatment providers, and community mental health treatment providers.

Goal

The goal of DDC is to provide a mechanism to help primary custodians live a drug-free life and assume the full responsibilities of parenthood. This program provides early intervention and immediate and concerted treatment to the parent(s) who abuse substances and willingly commit(s) to the DDC. DDC encourages the substance abusing parent(s) to fully cooperate with the program because of the heightened supervision of the Court and therapeutic intervention by DDC staff, coupled with the cooperation of the treatment service providers and peer support systems. If parents choose to participate in the DDC program and take full advantage of the additional assistance, their experiences can act as a spring board to permanent life changes, especially where alcohol and drug usage is concerned. DDC is designed to increase compliance with court-ordered substance abuse treatment, and reunify families in the court's dependency jurisdiction within statutory time frames.

Partnership

DDC is a partnership among key players in the dependency process: the Judge, Family Resource Center (FRC) caseworkers, attorneys, treatment providers, and DDC Specialists. Family Resource Center has agreed to provide the project with six dedicated caseworkers who are trained in substance abuse. In an effort to reunify the family within the nine (9) month period mandated by Chapter 39, all of these court agents will cooperate in providing maximum support to the parents in order to assist them in gaining control of their alcohol and/or drug use problems. Family Resource Center will remain responsible for overall case management, in collaboration with the DDC Specialists.

Program Evaluation

There have been significant issues in outcome evaluation of new and evolving family treatment courts at multiple sites. These issues include but are not limited to: the changing nature of various treatment programs, different models of implementation, limited resources to conduct evaluations, and the lack of longitudinal data on children of substance abusing families. The Family Drug Court Initiative (FDCI) located at the George Washington University Medical Center received funding to conduct multi-site evaluation of family treatment courts. The FDCI evaluation sought to determine whether the intensive supervision and treatment interventions of drug dependency courts reduce substance abuse, improve parental functioning, support family reunification, and reduce time to permanent placement of the children compared to the "standard" court operations at a comparison court.

The Initiative funded by the Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). Mary Haack, Ph.D., was the Principal Investigator. The Miami DDC Project was named one of three national pilot sites, along with family treatment courts in New York City and Kansas City. DDC partnered with Marjorie Montague, Ph.D. and Anne Hocutt, Ph.D. to conduct the program evaluation in collaboration with the George Washington Research Team. The evaluation included the analysis of outcomes and process evaluation using data collected in client and staff interviews and information from treatment providers.

Recently, Dr. Gayle Dakof at the University of Miami obtained a National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) grant to study the effectiveness of the Engaging Moms Case Management model vs. Regular Drug Court Case Management. This study found a 77% success rate among women receiving the Engaging Moms model and 55% rate in the regular Drug Court case management.

ORGANIZATION OF DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT

Roles of Key Players

Judicial Role

The DDC Judge seeks to establish a rehabilitative relationship with the parent through interactions during court appearances. The Judge supervises and reinforces treatment by reviewing reports from DDC Specialists and Family Resource Center counselors and discussing recovery obstacles with the parent(s) during the frequent court appearances. Both positive and negative incentives (i.e. rewards and sanctions) are used to encourage compliance. The judge assumes the role of both task master and cheerleader. In this setting, the Judge is able to reward successes, and provide additional motivation. Conversely, the Judge can sanction noncompliance, thereby discouraging failure.

Attorneys

The role of the parents' attorneys in DDC is important to the success of the program. Once a parent has agreed to participate in DDC, the attorney should become a genuine advocate of and support to the DDC goals. Attorneys should encourage the parent to continue to cooperate in the court and in treatment, but support sanctions when warranted and necessary. This does not mean that attorneys should not zealously represent their clients. When possible, Family Reunification attorneys and other defense attorneys should cooperate to work effectively with DDC. The parent's attorney is to receive copies of all DDC progress reports concerning their clients.

Dependency Drug Court Specialists

DDC specialists are a major factor in the success of the DDC effort. DDC currently contracts five specialists. They provide the critical link between the parent, the treatment provider, and the court. DDC Specialists are responsible for: alcohol and drug abuse screenings and assessments, referrals to and enrollment in treatment services, alcohol and other drug testing, progress monitoring, crisis and therapeutic intervention, to engage and retain the parent in the dependency court process, advocating for the parent, and keeping the parent motivated to treatment and recovery throughout the long DDC process. DDC Specialists submit reports (see Appendix C) to the court containing treatment progress, health issues, housing issues, employment issues, and dependent children's issues. DDC Specialists collaborate with Family Resource Center counselors to develop the substance abuse screening/evaluation/treatment and aftercare portion of the Children and Families Case Plan (see Appendix C); stating all the requirements for substance abuse intervention. DDC Specialists review the plan with the parents and their attorneys. DDC Specialists staff cases weekly with other team members including: Family Resource Center counselors, Treatment Providers, Guardian Ad Litem Rep and Lawyers for Children. DDC Specialists also receive weekly clinical supervision and therapeutic training from a consultant team from the University of Miami.

Department of Children & Families

DDC is administered in collaboration with Family Resource Center. Family Resource Center provides six protective services caseworkers. Family Resource Center counselors are responsible for developing and managing all aspects of the case plan. Family Resource Center counselors are trained in substance abuse intervention and treatment and work closely with the DDC Specialists to develop a holistic approach to the parents' recovery. Family Resource Center counselors provide a written report to the court at every hearing or when necessary.

Community Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

DDC refers parent(s) to community substance abuse treatment facilities that are licensed by the State of Florida and agree to work within DDC's program guidelines. The relationship between DDC, the court, and treatment providers is essential to program delivery. The treatment providers provide reports (see Appendix C) to the DDC Specialists which are submitted to the court. DDC Specialists keep in constant communication with parents' primary counselors to discuss treatment progress and planning and to identify treatment barriers and facilitate solutions to those barriers as they arise.

University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center

Under the direction of Lynne Katz, Ed.D., the Linda Ray Intervention Center (LRIC) provides parenting skills training to parents in DDC and developmental assessments of their children. Children under age four are screened using the Ages and Stages developmental assessment. Children under three years old identified with developmental delays are eligible for home-based or center-based early intervention services by LRIC. After graduating from the LRIC program children are referred to community Head Start programs. LRIC has demonstrated a success rate of 95 percent of all children receiving services entering kindergarten developmentally equivalent to children of non-substance abusing parents.

Two innovative parenting curriculums are offered to parents in DDC at LRIC, which may be taken individually or sequentially. *Nurturing Families* which can be taken initially, is a 14 week insight-oriented parenting course which focuses on the impact of substance abuse on parenting. *Strengthening Families*, which can be taken as the second course, is a 12 week parenting course in which parents and children receive didactic and interactive intervention. Both curriculums are scientifically based, utilizing pre- and post-test measures to determine program efficacy. Participation in the parenting programs and Ages and Stages evaluations are initiated by court order (see Appendix A) and referral (see Appendix D). Representatives from the LRIC are frequently present at court hearings to present information on parents and their children. Also, LRIC submits written reports to the court concerning program attendance and Ages and Stages assessments.

University of Miami, Department of Epidemiology

Gayle Dakof, Ph.D., provides on-going training and consultation to DDC Specialists. Dr. Dakof is affiliated with the Center for Treatment Research on Adolescent Drug Abuse in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Miami, School of Medicine. Drs. Dakof and Quille developed and implemented a model, *Engaging Moms*, for engaging substance abusing mothers into treatment. They demonstrated dramatic results for motivating substance abusing women to enter and remain in treatment. The model's components include: 1) a focus on relationships; 2) an acknowledgment of the traumatogenic nature of long term substance abuse; 3) a respectful understanding of a parent's inherent desire to protect and nurture their children. These components enhance a woman's ability and motivation to change. Dr. Dakof has developed a model specific to DDC utilizing the tenets of their earlier model. DDC Specialists receive weekly training, consultation, and clinical supervision of their cases. Dr. Dakof provides courtroom, field, and office supervision to DDC Specialists with their clients to potentiate therapeutic effects of program interventions and courtroom experiences.

Victim Services Center

There is a prevalence of traumatic history associated with substance use and abuse. DDC

screens for traumatic history in clients and the Victim Services Center (VSC) provides much needed therapeutic and educational intervention. VSC provides domestic violence and sexual trauma counseling to eligible DDC clients. The services provided include individual counseling and support groups. VSC counselors utilize state-of-the-art crisis and trauma intervention techniques, including Traumatic Incident Reduction (TIR) and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR).

PROGRAM REFERRALS AND INTAKE PROCEDURES

Eligibility and Judicial Screen

Participation in DDC is voluntary and is subject to the discretion of the Dependency Drug Court Judge. Only parents with new petitions are accepted. It is anticipated that most participants will be women because most of the primary custodians are women.

Inclusion criteria are: being a primary custodian in a dependency petition, suffering from a substance abuse problem, and volunteering for the program. Those parents who are alleged to be sexual perpetrators, are incompetent, or are suffering from an un-stabilized, severe mental disorder (e.g., paranoia, hallucinations, delusions, mania, lack of stabilization on psychotropic medication, failure to follow medical regime, or other functional impairment that would inhibit effective program participation), or have an advanced terminal illness are excluded. Those parents with a history of violent or criminal offenses or who are on methadone maintenance programs are considered on an individual basis.

Participation in DDC does not exempt or alter the parents' responsibility to meet the other conditions of the Children and Families Case Plan. Parents who participate in the Dependency Drug Court program do so in addition to all other activities associated with the prescribed reunification plan.

A *Judicial Eligibility Checklist* (see Appendix C) is completed by court staff to refer a parent for consideration. The Judge ultimately determines eligibility and refers parents to the DDC program. This checklist is completed for all parents who are considered for DDC, even if inclusion criteria are not met, for data collection purposes on the potential pool of participants.

DDC Orders

As a condition of participation in DDC, the *Agreement to Participate in DDC*, and the *Acknowledgment of DDC Procedures* (see Appendix A) documents must be signed. The terms and conditions of participation in the DDC are stated in the *Agreement to Participate in DDC* document. An *Order to Participate in DDC* (see Appendix A) is signed by the Judge and is incorporated by reference into the DCF Case Plan. Execution of these three documents initiates formal program participation.

Additional documents to be signed in the event that instances of contempt occur during the parents' participation include: the *Declaration Re: Contempt*, the *Order to Show Cause RE: Contempt*, and the *Judgment of Contempt and Orders* (see Appendix A).

DDC Screening

Once the parent is referred to DDC, the DDC will conduct a clinical screen and assessment (see Appendix B). DDC intake consists of an overview of the program, completion of releases of information, completion of a client file information sheet, assessment of client's mental status, assessment of suicide and homicide risk, and assessment of treatment motivation. The following assessment tools are administered; the Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI), the Addictions Severity Index-Female Version (ASI-F), and the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria as needed. Intake and assessment measures are chosen to obtain the following information: assessment of physical health; alcohol and drug use history; evaluation of current alcohol and drug use; current degree of psychopathology; exposure to abuse or violence; and psychosocial history including family of origin information, employment history and capability, and history of involvement in the criminal or juvenile justice systems. Medical referrals help to screen for infectious diseases, life threatening illnesses birth control history, and health maintenance history. Appropriate treatment referrals are generated from these screenings.

Clients are reassessed at treatment centers to identify on-going client needs and areas of improvement or change.

Psychological Screening

Once the parent has entered treatment and is abstinent for approximately 2 weeks, a comprehensive mental health evaluation will be administered, by providers on an as needed basis. This assessment includes a capacity to parent measure, a child abuse risk assessment.

Treatment and Recovery Services

DDC Specialists utilize information obtained from the mental health evaluation and the clinical screen and assessments to develop a holistic treatment plan for each client and to develop a DDC case plan specific to their treatment needs. DDC case-plans address substance abuse treatment, other mental health services, specific trauma intervention, intensive case-management services, other therapeutic intervention, and parenting training. DDC Specialists provide referrals for clients to treatment and recovery settings and modalities that are best suited to meet the needs of the client. Types of therapeutic interventions include (but are not limited to): individual therapeutic sessions; crisis intervention; counseling for medical/physical needs; counseling for victims of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; psycho-educational groups; general peer/support groups; therapeutic process groups; family interventions; and special focus groups (peer-based and professionally monitored). Special treatment programming is designed to address (but is not limited to): anger management skills, problem solving skills, assertiveness training, coping skills, depression and other mental health issues, violence prevention, victimization issues, values formation, as well as parenting skills. Intensive case management services provided by DDC Specialists include (but are not limited to): timely treatment plan development, treatment record maintenance, client monitoring, integration of treatment services into supervised programming, and a continuum of support services for the client.

Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Individuals requesting intervention are admitted to a treatment unit on the same day or as quickly as is possible. DDC encourages the use of peers as mentors and sponsors, strong linkages with self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Gender-specific, age-specific, and culturally relevant strategies are offered through staff recruitment and retention, unique treatment setting attributes, appropriate literature and audiovisual materials, and social activities in an effort to keep clients actively engaged in the treatment process. Community substance abuse treatment providers are encouraged to provide skill development components emphasizing daily life skills, availability of community resources and maintenance of drug and crime free lifestyles in the community context. Providers are also encouraged to address concurrent treatment issues of substance abuse, trauma, and mental health issues in their treatment programs. Sustained continuity of treatment, recovery and support services upon completion of inpatient or intensive outpatient treatment are provided.

Mental Health Services

Psychological and psychiatric assessments are conducted on an as needed basis, followed by the provision of specialized therapy to address indicated psychopathology, appropriate pharmacological interventions, and monitoring provided by practitioners recognized by appropriate state or local authorities (i.e., appropriately credentialed psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social worker, and psychiatric nurses).

Health/Medical Services

Preventive and primary medical care is provided as indicated by the client population and individual client health needs. This includes gynecologic/obstetric reproductive health, pre/postnatal care, and pediatric care. Health education, including safe sex and risk reduction techniques to mitigate the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and family planning are provided. Nutritional and general health education are provided.

Parenting, Family, and Children's Services

Strategies to involve family members/significant others in the treatment process are provided. Family and collateral counseling, as appropriate, is provided by persons recognized by state/local authorities to provide such counseling. Parenting skills development classes are required for both fathers and mothers, including infant and childhood development courses. Child care provision at the treatment facility (where appropriate for custodial parent residents) is provided. Also, very importantly, DDC Specialists engage clients' family members to help motivate and support the client through successful completion of DDC.

Other Services

Clients in need are provided assistance with funding for use of public transportation. Coordination of treatment and recovery continuum with other services, such as vocational rehabilitation, education, legal aid, and transportation is provided on an ongoing basis. Additional intensive supervision may be provided through probation, parole, community supervision, juvenile supervision or other supervision agencies (e.g., Treatment Alternative to Street Crime, TASC).

DDC and DCF Case Plans

Upon completion of all screenings and assessments, and verified entrance into the designated treatment program, the DDC specialist develops the *Addendum to Children and Families Case Plan (CFCP) Substance Abuse Section* (see Appendix C) with the parents. This DDC case plan will state all the requirements for substance abuse treatment and will also become part of the Children and Families Case Plan. Prior to presentation of the DDC case plan to the Court, the DDC Specialist reviews the plan with the parent and the parent's attorney.

Court Review Hearing Schedule

Participants are monitored in a five phase program for 12-18 months. Adjustments may be made in program duration as needed and as allowed in accordance with federal regulations. Clients attend regularly scheduled court review hearings. Clients' court appearance frequency is determined at program commencement and determined by the phase in which they are participating.

Parents participating in phase I, attend court hearings one time per week for a one month period. Those in Phase II, attend court hearings every other week for a period of three months. Parents in Phases III and IV, attend monthly court hearings for a period of four months each. Those parents that have achieved reunification and are in the self-reliance phase, will attend court every other month for a period lasting six months. Goals and expectations for each phase and requirements for phase advancement are outlined in a different section of this document.

Schedule for Inpatient Program Commencement

Phase	Court Appearances	Duration
I	Once a week	1 months
II	Every other week	3 months
III	Once a month	4 months
IV	Once a month	4 months
Self Reliance	Every other months	6 months

Dependency Drug Court Session

Whenever possible, DDC tries to set parents for hearings in groups. Accordingly, reviews are held twice per week in Judge Cohen's courtroom. The sessions are limited to approximately 20 participants. The parents are divided into groups according to compliance and duration in the program. Those parents in compliance are grouped according to their duration in the program and are seen together in the first group. Those parents who are not in compliance are seen together in the second group. However, all parents have a chance to view the court hearings of other parents.

The progress of each participant is discussed in front of all participants. The participants as a group are encouraged to engage in discussions with the DDC Judge. Compliance or non-compliance with DDC program requirements and the DCF Case Plan results in the application of positive or negative consequences (see Compliance and Consequences). Parents are congratulated on achievements and given rewards. Conversely, those parents not in compliance are admonished and given appropriate sanctions according to the severity and recidivcity of the noncompliant act: repeated failure to comply with the DCF Case Plan results in the court exercising a number of sanctions. The most severe sanction is recommendation for termination of parental rights (TPR) and termination from DDC.

Reporting to Dependency Drug Court

The DDC Specialist and the FRC counselor provide case plan progress reports continuously throughout the duration of the program (presented at the weekly, bimonthly and monthly court sessions). The DDC progress reports (see Appendix C) include a written DDC report on substance abuse treatment activities, program attendance, toxicology test results, visitation, parenting classes, mental health treatment, family counseling, and recommendations for future action. Attached to each report submitted to the court is the *Monthly or Weekly Treatment Progress Report* (see Appendix C) submitted by the client's treatment facility, copies of the urinalysis tests completed at the treatment facility, and copies of reports from other relevant sources (e.g. Linda Ray Intervention Center, Children's Home Society - Project Safe, CHARLEE Homes, Children's Psychiatric Center, community mental health centers, etc.). The DDC Specialist is available in person to address the court with their client present unless other arrangements are made. The DDC Specialist completes a *Status of Court Appearance* sheet (see Appendix C) for each client after each hearing to document the outcome of each client's hearing which becomes part of their DDC file. The DDC Specialist makes a full report to the court on all client activity, but also represents and advocates for the client throughout the process to foster the therapeutic relationship which facilitates client success.

PHASING GOALS, EXPECTATIONS, AND ADVANCEMENT CRITERIA

The clients progress through five phases for completion of the DDC program. After Phase IV, eligible clients graduate from DDC, and may continue to be monitored in a self-reliance phase. Upon program graduation, clients continue with an aftercare program and the court, DDC, and FRC will continue to monitor each client for up to six months. Each phase has appropriate goals, expectations, and requirements for advancement. Graduation occurs after completion of Phase IV, therefore, the phase advancement requirements for the final phase are also the graduation requirements. Each client's phasing progress is documented on the *Status of Court Appearance* sheet at each hearing and in the client's file on the *Phasing and Sanctions File Sheet* (see Appendix C). The criteria for each phase are listed in the tables below.

Phase I

Goals	Expectations	Advancement Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Screening and assessments * Assessment and referral for additional services (based upon individual needs) * Assessment of children's special needs * Placement in community-based treatment * Identification of treatment barriers * Decrease alcohol/drug use as evidenced by negative Urinalysis * Urinalysis Schedule * Resolve legal issues in Dependency Court * Acquire consistent visitation schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Weekly court appearances * Urinalysis testing 3x weekly or random * Enter substance abuse treatment * Compliance with court orders * Engage with Specialist * Visitation with children (establish schedule) * Attend AA/NA meetings * Plea to Dependency Allegations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Regular court appearances * Team recommendation * Participation in substance abuse treatment program * Negative urinalysis for at least one week. * Completion of sanctions

Phase II

Goals	Expectations	Advancement Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continued Abstinence * Enroll and participate in ancillary services * Attend family planning appointment * Identify home group for AA/NA meetings * Attend AA/NA meetings regularly * Maintain negative urinalysis results * Maintain safe, adequate visitation with child(ren). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Urinalysis testing 3x weekly or random * Engagement in substance abuse treatment * Begin ancillary services * Continued attendance in AA/NA meetings and identification of home group. * Work toward service plan goals * Consistent visitation with children * Begin to identify a sponsor * Cooperate with DDC Specialist/FRC case manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Regular court appearances * Team recommendation * Progress towards treatment plan goals * Negative urinalysis results for a minimum of two months * Compliance with sanctions * Express commitment to participation in services

Phase III

Goals	Expectations	Advancement Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continued abstinence * Internalization of recovery tools * Educational and vocational training * Attend parenting course(s) * Demonstration of effective parenting skills * Negative urinalysis results * Successfully complete treatment program and ancillary services. * Begin aftercare program * Obtain sponsor * Begin working 12 step program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Monthly court appearances * Urinalysis testing as ordered * Completion of substance abuse treatment and other services * Demonstrate good parenting skills with children * Educational or vocational training * Cooperate with case manager * Remain self sufficient * Attend AA/NA meetings 3-4 times per week * Involvement with 12 step program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Regular court appearances * Progress toward treatment plan goals * Team recommendation * Negative urinalysis for 4 months * Compliance with sanctions * Obtain sponsor

Phase IV

Goals	Expectations	Advancement Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continued abstinence and recovery * Develop aftercare plan (client to complete with treatment counselor, inclusive of relapse plan) * No positive urinalysis * Maintain regular contact with sponsor * Behavior consistent with recovery lifestyle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Every other month court appearances * Urinalysis testing as ordered * Complete treatment * Reunification with children and demonstration of good parenting skills * Remain self sufficient * Cooperate with DDC Specialist/FRC case manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Regular court appearances * Reunification with child(ren). * Completion of treatment programs as court ordered * Team recommendation * No positive urinalysis

Self Reliance Phase

Goals	Expectations	Advancement Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continued abstinence and recovery * Participate in aftercare program (e.g. Project Safe) when available * Maintain stable housing * Maintain stable employment * Court approved permanency plan * Reintegration into community * No positive urinalysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Aftercare participants: court appearance at end of third month or as needed * Non-aftercare participants: monthly court appearances * Weekly urinalysis testing * Attend treatment * Compliance with court order * Court approved permanency plan * Stable employment * Stable Housing * Remain self sufficient * Cooperate with DDC Specialist/FRC case manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Completion of all graduation requirements (e.g. completion of services, employment, reunification, etc.) * Custody of children * Completion of parenting skills training * Completion of treatment program as court ordered * Maintain stable employment * Maintain safe and stable housing * Completion of all court conditions * No positive urinalysis results prior to graduation

COMPLIANCE AND CONSEQUENCES

Range of Rewards and Sanctions

At each court hearing parents are subject to a range of sanctions or rewards based on their program compliance for the report period. The table below summarizes compliant and non-compliant behaviors and the corresponding rewards and sanctions. Additionally, token rewards are available through the support of the Dependency Court Angels.

ACHIEVEMENTS	REWARDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Attending Court Appearances * Negative Urinalysis Results * Attendance/Participation in Treatment * Attendance/Participation in AA/NA meetings * Attending Approved Visitation with Child(ren) consistently * Compliance with Case Plan * Phase Promotion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Acknowledgment by Judge * Applause * Decreased Court Appearances * Decreased Urinalysis Testing * Phase Advancement * Phase Advancement Certificate * Case Called Early in Court * Token rewards such as gift cards, event tickets, etc.
INFRACTIONS	SANCTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Violation of Order * Dishonest Statement * Failure to Perform Sanctions * Failure to Comply with Case Plan * Establishment of New Neglect * Failure to attend Visitation * Unauthorized Visitation * Leaving Treatment * Treatment Non-Attendance * Treatment Termination for Infractions * Positive Urinalysis * Missed Urinalysis * Tampering with Urine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reprimand from Court * Increased Court Appearances * Essay * Community Service Hours * Phase Demotion * Increased Urinalysis Monitoring * Increased Intensity in Treatment Program, if failure in a less intensive program * Good Bye letter to children * Recommendation for TPR

Sanctions Schedule

The Judge assigns the reward or sanction based upon the level of compliance or non-compliance. The more severe behaviors receive the more severe sanctions. The Judge utilizes a sanctions schedule to determine the appropriate sanctions. The schedule takes into account the number of previous sanctions and the client's current phase level. The schedule is designed to address the most severe non-compliant events and therefore, the Judge is encouraged to use his or her discretion when giving sanctions for less severe behaviors. Client's non-compliance with DDC and/or their treatment facility warrants consideration for program discharge after appropriate engagement attempts have been made. All non-compliant events should be addressed and a sanction should be applied in order to reinforce the client's belief in natural consequences which enhance the effect of the behavior modification system. Conversely, the court should take care to acknowledge and reward compliant behavior.

SANCTIONS SCHEDULE	
PHASE I	1 st : Non-Compliant Event: 4 Community Service Hours 2 nd : 8 Community Service Hours 3 rd : 1 Page Essay / Speech
PHASE II	1 st : 15 Community Service Hours 2 nd : 20 Community Service Hours/Phase Reduction 3 rd : 3 Page Essay / Speech 4 th : Reduction in Phase
PHASE III	1 st : 15 Community Service Hours 2 nd : 20 Community Service Hours/Phase Reduction 3 rd : 5 Page Essay / Speech, Reduction in Phase 4 th : Program Discharge
PHASE IV	1 st : 25 Community Service Hours 2 nd : 3 rd : Good Bye letter to children 4 th : Program Discharge
SELF RELIANCE PHASE *No Positive Urinalysis Results Allowed During Self Reliance Phase	1 st : Phase Reduction, Increased Court appearances 2 nd : Re-assessment of Needs

TREATMENT PROVIDERS

Information Exchange Requirements:

As part of the Court's efforts to work in partnership with treatment providers, it is essential that the Court receive a steady flow of information about clients and their children while in treatment (see Appendix C). Substance abuse treatment providers are required to render to the Court any screenings, psychological, psychiatric, or other assessments obtained while clients are undergoing the intake process or in treatment. Treatment providers are required, when notified, to submit treatment progress reports to DDC Specialists two business days prior to any court hearing. Generally, DDC Specialists request reports via phone or fax on the Monday before court and the provider sends the report via fax transmission no later than the Wednesday following for court hearings occurring that Thursday. The following documents must be submitted upon request to the court by the treatment provider: Monthly or Weekly Progress Report, Consent Forms, Assessments and Screenings, Referral Forms, Urinalysis Results, Treatment Plan, Discharge Plan and Summary (Treatment Provider), and Discharge and Safety Plan (Client). At the court's request, treatment providers may be requested to appear in court to provide information concerning the client's treatment status. Treatment providers may also request to have cases added to the DDC calendar (with two days notice) in order to address client's treatment issues with the Judge.

Inpatient Program Requirements

The following are reporting and treatment requirements for inpatient or residential settings:

- * Notification (verbal and written) of client's arrival for screening process, inclusive of client's acceptance/non-acceptance into treatment setting
- * Notification of start date
- * Immediate notification (verbal and written) of termination, discharge or elopements
- * Immediate notification (verbal and/or written) of "cardinal rule" breaks
- * Immediate notification (verbal and/or written) of hospitalization or significant disruption of treatment process
- * Documentation of dates and outcomes of all visitations with children (if known)
- * Ongoing, consistent telephone or written contact regarding treatment progress of parent (and child if applicable)
- * Notification of all: contracts/learning experiences, phase/stage advancements, rule breaking and privilege revocation, achievements/accomplishments
- * Bi-weekly, polydrug results of toxicology screening (hard copy faxed with progress report)
- * Monthly reports (or as requested) for both parent and child (if applicable)
Including treatment attendance and participation, progress toward treatment goals, and toxicology results submitted on appropriate form (see Appendix C) and faxed to parent's DDC Specialist the Wednesday prior to the indicated court date at the specified time
- * Discharge plan and discharge summary completed by the primary counselor faxed to the DDC Specialist with the progress report prior to or upon discharge
- * Discharge plan and safety plan completed by the client and faxed to the DDC Specialist with the progress report prior to or upon discharge
- * Letters or documentation regarding special issues or circumstances, upon request

Outpatient Program Requirements

The following are reporting and treatment requirements for outpatient settings:

- * Notification (verbal and written) of client's arrival for screening process, inclusive of client's acceptance/non-acceptance into treatment setting
- * Notification of start date
- * Immediate notification (verbal and written) of termination, discharge or elopements
- * Immediate notification (verbal and/or written) of "cardinal rule" breaks
- * Immediate notification (verbal and/or written) of hospitalization or significant disruption of treatment process
- * Immediate notification (verbal or written) after three consecutively missed appointments or treatment days
- * Documentation of dates and outcomes of all visitations with children (if known)
- * Ongoing, consistent telephone or written contact regarding treatment progress of parent (and child if applicable)
- * Notification of all: contracts/learning experiences, phase/stage advancements, rule breaking and privilege revocation, achievements/accomplishments
- * Bi-weekly, polydrug results of toxicology screening (hard copy faxed with progress report)
- * Weekly, Bi-weekly, or monthly reports (or as requested) for both parent and child (if applicable) Including treatment attendance and participation, progress toward treatment goals, and toxicology results submitted on appropriate form (see Appendix C) and faxed to parent's DDC Specialist the Wednesday prior to the indicated court date at the specified time
- * Discharge plan and discharge summary completed by the primary counselor faxed to the DDC Specialist with the progress report prior to or upon discharge
- * Discharge plan and safety plan completed by the client and faxed to the DDC Specialist with the progress report prior to or upon discharge
- * Letters or documentation regarding special issues or circumstances, upon request

APPENDIX A

Orders

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

JUVENILE DIVISION

CASE NO.: D001

CHILD/CHILDREN

ORDER

As part of your participation in the Dependency Drug Court you are hereby ordered to:

_____ Attend and participate in the Interactive, research-based parenting

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami-Dade County, Florida, this _____ day of
_____, 20__.

Jeri B. Cohen
CIRCUIT COURT

Copies furnished to all parties

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

JUVENILE DIVISION

CHILD/CHILDREN

CASE NO.: D001-_____

ORDER

As part of your participation in the Dependency Drug Court, you are required to comply with the tasks set forth in your case plan and agreed to on the Drug Court Orders.

You, _____ (Parent's name), failed to comply with:

On the following day(s): _____

You are hereby ordered to complete the following sanction: _____

By the following date: _____

Please notify your Drug Court Specialist _____ at 305-638-5691 upon completion of sanction.

Date

Jeri B. Cohen
Circuit Court Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

JUVENILE/DEPENDENCY DIVISION

CASE NO.: D001

CHILD/CHILDREN

ORDER

It is hereby, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Department of Children and Families/Our Kids Provider provide the Dependency Drug Court with a copy of the Detention/Dependency Petition, within five days. The Department of Children and Families/Our Kids Provider will also provide the Dependency Drug Court with a Case Plan when signed.

DONE AND ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Jeri B. Cohen
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Copies furnished to all parties

<input type="radio"/> IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA <input type="radio"/> IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA		
JUVENILE DIVISION	AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT	CASE NUMBER
IN THE INTEREST OF: _____ D.O.B.: A CHILD(REN)		CLOCK IN

I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING as conditions of my participation in Dependency Drug Court (DDC):

1. I will continue to abide by the terms and conditions in the "Order to Participate in the DDC Program," which I signed and received on (date):_____.
2. Upon my acceptance into DDC, the Court will issue an "Order to Participate in DDC." My signature on this Agreement indicates my consent to the terms and conditions set forth on that Order.
3. I will not possess, use, or consume alcohol or illegal substances, or misuse prescription medications. In addition, ephedrine may not be used. Over the counter medications which contain "D" or "DM" (Robitussin), Sudafed, NyQuil, and alcohol-containing cough/cold syrups may not be used. Alcohol-containing mouthwashes and other breath cleaning products, such as Scope and breath strips, may not be used. It is the client's responsibility to limit exposure to products and substances containing ethyl alcohol, therefore labels should be inspected before consumption.
4. My participation in DDC will take place in five phases (for a period of 18 months). The first phase will consist of approximately one months, the second phase will consist of approximately three months and the third and fourth phase will consist of approximately four months each. The Self Reliance phase will consist of approximately six months at the discretion of the court.
 - During Phase 1, I will appear in Court for a review hearing once a week.
 - During Phase 2, I will appear in Court for a review hearing once every two weeks.
 - During Phases 3 and 4, I will appear in Court for a review hearing once a month.
 - During the Self Reliance Phase, I will appear in Court for a review hearing every other month.

Upon completion of Phase IV Graduation will occur although monitoring may continue through the Self Reliance Phase.
5. I will submit to random alcohol/drug tests and any alcohol/drug tests ordered by the Court. If I am contesting a positive test result, the same urine sample will be sealed and sent to an independent laboratory. A missed test or a tamper will be considered positive.
6. I will maintain weekly contact with my DDC Specialist unless otherwise specified by the court.

7. I will agree to attend and participate in the following programs if ordered by the court:
 - Ages and Stages assessment (children 0 to 4 years old)
 - Intervention services provided by the Linda Ray Intervention Center
 - Nurturing Families program
 - Family Planning Intervention program or other health services
 - Psychological evaluation / mental health assessment

8. My progress in recovery will be monitored by the DDC Specialist, who will submit progress reports to the Court and to the Department of Children & Families (DC&F). The progress reports will contain:
 - the results of every alcohol/drug test
 - attendance at required meetings and/or counseling sessions
 - participation in required treatment program activities
 - adherence to the rules of the Children and Families Case Plan (CFCP), and the rules of the treatment program
 - compliance with my Case Plan

9. Each of the following achievements will be considered a "compliant event":
 - attendance at court appearances
 - a negative result from an alcohol/drug test
 - compliance with submitting to all alcohol/drug tests
 - attendance/participation at required meetings and/or counseling sessions
 - attendance/participation at required treatment program activities
 - compliance with the treatment program
 - compliance with the Case Plan
 - compliance with other tasks identified in the Case Plan (i.e., ability to maintain employment, ability to maintain housing, maintaining consistent visitation with child(ren))
 - maintain behavior consistent with recovery lifestyle.

10. For each compliant event any of the following rewards may be granted:
 - acknowledgment by Judge
 - reduced Court appearances
 - reduced urine testing
 - case called early in court
 - increased/unsupervised visitation with child(ren)
 - reunification with child(ren)
 - a phase advancement certificate in court
 - graduation ceremony
 - certificate for items from donation room

11. Each of the following may be considered a "non-compliant event" at the discretion of the Judge:
 - failure to make an appearance on time in court
 - involuntary termination from the program
 - absconding with child(ren)
 - a positive result from an alcohol/drug test (a "dirty test")
 - failure to appear for an alcohol/drug test (a "no-show")

- failure to attend required meetings and/or counseling sessions
- failure to attend required treatment program activities
- failure to comply with the other tasks in the Case Plan
- failure to comply with the rules of the treatment program
- a dishonest statement (written or spoken) to the DDC Judge
- failure to attend visitation with child(ren) or attempting unauthorized visitation
- failure to comply with other tasks in RSP
- failure to perform sanctions

12. For each "noncompliant event," any of the following sanctions may be imposed:

- reprimand from court
- community service hours
- increased court appearances, increased case management
- increased intensity in treatment program, if lower level of care is not sufficient
- reduction in phase
- essay / speech to the DDC Judge
- goodbye letter to children
- recommendation to file for Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)

13. After consultation with my attorney, I have signed the "Acknowledgment of DDC Procedures" attached to this Agreement.

DATED: _____

Name of participant (print)

Signature of Participant

<input type="radio"/> IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA <input type="radio"/> IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA		
JUVENILE DIVISION	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT PROCEDURES	CASE NUMBER
IN THE INTEREST OF: _____ D.O.B.: _____ A CHILD(REN)		CLOCK IN

Fill out this form if you wish to participate in Dependency Drug Court (DDC). Initial each item only if you understand it. If you have any questions about this form or your case, ask your lawyer, or the DDC Judge.

- ___ 1. I understand that my participation in DDC requires me to abide by the terms and conditions of the attached "Agreement to Participate in DDC."
- ___ 2. I understand that for each "non-compliant event," as described on the attached "Agreement to Participate in DDC," I will be subject to sanctions imposed by the Court.
- ___ 3. I understand that if I am found in non-compliance with DDC or the DC&F case plan, the court may impose any sanction that I voluntarily agreed to when I entered DDC. I understand that I forfeit my right to an evidentiary hearing regarding a positive alcohol or drug screen, unless I am contesting the accuracy of the urinalysis. In that case, I will be entitled to an additional drug test by an independent laboratory using the same specimen. I will also be entitled to an evidentiary hearing if the court has abused its discretion by not abiding by the sanctions set out in the Drug Court case plan. I will not be entitled to an evidentiary hearing to test the validity of the DDC Protocol since I am entering DDC voluntarily. I will be entitled to an evidentiary hearing if I am in violation of any of the other conditions of my DDC case plan.
- ___ 4. I understand that repeated "non-compliant events" (three or more) may result in the Department of Children and Families initiating a proceeding to terminate my parental rights.
- ___ 5. I understand that with repeated "compliant events," as described on the attached "Agreement to Participate in DDC," I may qualify for rewards granted by the Court.
- ___ 6. I understand that the DDC Judge has discretion to dismiss me from the DDC program at any time upon finding that I have not been honest and truthful with the Court.
- ___ 7. I understand that I still must comply with the court-ordered family reunification plan and appear at all court hearings even if I am later dismissed from DDC.

DATED: _____

_____	_____
Print Name of Participant	Signature of Participant
_____	_____
Print Name of Participant's Attorney	Signature of Attorney

<input type="radio"/> IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA <input type="radio"/> IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA		
JUVENILE DIVISION	ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT	CASE NUMBER
IN THE INTEREST OF: _____ D.O.B.: _____ A CHILD(REN)		CLOCK IN

THIS COURT, HAVING RECEIVED EVIDENCE IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER, FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

You, _____, are NOTIFIED that you have agreed and been accepted to participate in the Dependency Drug Court (DDC). All further proceedings in this case shall be heard by Judge Jeri B. Cohen or her designee. The terms and conditions of participation are as follows:

You are ORDERED to: [1] participate in the in the DDC Program; [2] refrain from possessing, using, or consuming alcohol or illegal substances, or misusing prescription medications; [3] appear in Division 01 for hearings at the dates and times ordered by the Court; [4] submit to random DDC administered alcohol / drug tests and any additional tests ordered by the Court; [5] participate in all required DDC and treatment program activities; [6] attend all required meeting/counseling sessions; [7] attend programs ordered by the court [8] comply with all rules of the Children and Families Case Plan (CFCP) and treatment program; [9] cooperate fully with the DDC Specialists, DDC staff, treatment program staff, and the Department of Children & Families (DC&F)/Our Kids Provider Counselor; and [10] be completely honest and truthful in all of your communications with the Court.

Failure to comply with any part of this Order (i.e., a non-compliant event: a positive result from an alcohol/drug test ("dirty test"); failure to appear for a court hearing; failure to appear for an alcohol/drug test ("no show"); failure to attend required DDC and treatment program activities; failure to attend required meeting/counseling sessions; failure to comply with the rules of the Case Plan and treatment program; leaving treatment program; involuntary termination from the program; failure to comply with visitation of children; a dishonest statement to the Court; may result in a finding of contempt by this Court. If you are found in contempt, the Court may impose any sanction authorized by law, including, but not limited to:

- a verbal reprimand from the Court
- community service hours
- increased court appearances, increased case management
- essay / speech to the DDC Judge
- increased intensity of treatment program, if lower level of care is insufficient
- reduction in phase
- Goodbye letter to children
- dismissal from DDC
- recommendation to file for Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: _____

Judge of the Circuit Court

I have read this Order. I have received a copy of this Order. I understand that this is a valid Order. I understand the penalties for a violation of this Order. I understand and freely give my consent that this is the only notice I will receive of the penalties.

DATED: _____

Parent / Guardian (print)

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Parent's Attorney (print)

Signature of Parent's Attorney

DECLARATION RE: CONTEMPT

(To be completed and signed by Dependency Drug Court representative
who has personal knowledge of the facts declared)

- 1. Citee, [name] _____, has willfully disobeyed certain orders of this Court as set forth in this Declaration.
- 2. Citee had knowledge of the order in that: EXAMPLE. She/he was present in court with counsel _____ when the order was issued on (date) _____.
- 3. Citee was able to comply with each order when it was disobeyed.
- 4. Each order disobeyed and each instance of disobedience is described as follows:

On (date) _____, (name) _____, agreed to: [1] enroll and attend in the Dependency Drug Court (DDC) Program by (date) _____; [2] refrain from possessing, using or consuming alcohol or illegal substances, or misuse of prescription medications; [3] appear for any special hearings set by the Court; [4] submit to random DDC administered alcohol / drug tests and any additional alcohol / drug tests ordered by the Court; [5] remain drug free as evidenced by a clean random DDC administered alcohol/drug tests; [6] participate in the Recovery Services Plan (RSP) requirements, and Treatment Program activities; [7] attend all required meeting/counseling sessions; [8] comply with all rules of the RSP and Treatment Program; [9] refrain from issuing a dishonest statement (written or spoken) to the DDC Judge; [10] attend visitation with child(ren) and refrain from unauthorized visitation with child(ren); [11] comply with all other tasks in RSP; [12] perform all sanctions issued; [13] cooperate fully with the DDC Specialist, DDC staff, Treatment Program staff, and the Family Resource Center Services Counselor.

On [date] _____, citee received a copy of the rules of the RSP and Treatment Program; citee's acknowledgment of receipt is attached.

As of [date] _____, citee has not enrolled nor attended the DDC Program.

On [date] _____, citee provided to DDC a urine sample which tested positive for the use of (substance) _____.

On [date] _____, citee failed to submit to a DDC administered alcohol / drug test as ordered by the Court. (If there are additional instances of failure to submit to alcohol/ drug tests, list them on an attachment to this Declaration).

On [date] _____, this Court set a special hearing for [date] _____, and citee failed to appear for this hearing.

As part of citee's RSP, citee was required to participate in [i.e., in Treatment Program], and on [date(s)] _____, citee failed to appear for this activity (ies).

On [date] _____, citee violated DDC or treatment program rule(s) by [detailed description of how rule was violated]

On [date] _____, citee failed to cooperate with [name/position] _____ by [detailed description of citee's misconduct]

See attachment.

5. Other material facts:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing declaration, including any attachment, is true and correct and is based on my personal knowledge, and that this declaration was executed at (place): _____, Florida, on (date): _____.

(Type or print name)

(Signature)

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JUVENILE DIVISION	RULE TO SHOW FAILURE TO COMPLY	CASE NUMBER

	WITH COURT ORDER	
IN THE INTEREST OF:	D.O.B.:	CLOCK IN

A CHILD(REN)		

1. TO CITEE (Name): _____,
2. ACCORDINGLY you are ORDERED to appear in Division 01 of the Juvenile Court, at 3300 NW 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33142 on (date) _____ at (time) _____ to give any legal reason why this Court should not find you guilty of contempt and punish you with a sanction authorized by law, for willfully disobeying its order(s) as set forth in the attached Declaration.

NOTICE: If the Court finds you in contempt, the possible penalties include but are not limited to a jail sentence or fine or both. Your attorney should be consulted promptly in order to assist you.

DATED: _____

Circuit Court Judge

DATED: _____

Parent / Guardian (print)

Signature of Parent / Guardian

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JUVENILE DIVISION	JUDGMENT OF CONTEMPT AND ORDER(S) (DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT)	CASE NUMBER
IN THE INTEREST OF: _____ D.O.B.: _____ A CHILD(REN)		CLOCK IN

THIS COURT, HAVING RECEIVED EVIDENCE IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER, FINDS AS FOLLOWS, BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT:

On (date) _____ you, (name) _____, were present in court with your attorney when you agreed to participate in the Dependency Drug Court (DDC) Program, and the Court ordered your participation in DDC. By written agreement you agreed to: [1] refrain from possessing, using, or consuming alcohol or illegal substances, or misuse of prescription medications; [2] appear in Juvenile Court Division 01 for hearings at the dates and times ordered by the Court; [3] submit to random DDC administered alcohol/drug tests and any additional alcohol/drug tests ordered by the Court; [4] participate in all required DDC and treatment program activities; [5] comply with all rules of the Children and Families Case Plan (CFCP) and Treatment Program, which you received in writing on (date) _____; [6] cooperate fully with the DDC Specialist, DDC staff, Treatment Program staff, the Family Resource Center Services Counselor; and [7] be completely honest and truthful in all your communications with the Court.

At the time the above orders were issued, the Court fully informed you of the possible consequences for failure to comply with its orders. The Court warned you that if you are found in contempt, the Court may impose sanctions as stated in the Agreement to Participate, including but not limited to: a verbal reprimand from the Court; participation in motivational workshops; increased Court appearances; increased case management; increased intensity in Treatment Program; reduction in DDC phase; a referral to residential treatment if participating in out-patient treatment; dismissal from DDC; and a recommendation of filing for Termination of Parental Rights (TPR).

Although you had the ability to do so, you willfully failed to comply with the DDC Program by:

- On (date) _____ you provided to DDC a urine sample which tested positive, thus indicating your willful use of (*substance*) _____, in violation of the Court's order.
- On (date) _____ although you had the ability to do so, you willfully failed to submit to a DDC administered alcohol/drug test as ordered by the Court.

- o On (date)_____ at (time)_____ You failed to appear for a hearing, of which you had knowledge, although you had the ability to do so.
- o As part of your Plan, you were required to participate in (program activity) . Although you had the ability to do so, on (date) _____ you willfully failed to appear for this activity.
- o As part of your Plan, you were required to attend meeting/counseling sessions. Although you had the ability to do so, on (date) _____ you willfully failed to appear for your meeting/session as scheduled.
- o On (date)_____ although you were able to do so, you willfully failed to comply with the Case Plan and/or treatment program rules by (conduct)
- o On (date) _____ although you were able to do so, you willfully failed to cooperate with (name, position)_____ by (conduct)
- o On (date)

The evidence shows, beyond a reasonable doubt, that YOU ARE GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT. This is your _____ first _____ second _____ third failure to comply with an order of the DDC.

ACCORDINGLY, THIS COURT ORDERS:

You shall serve _____ days in County Jail or _____.

You shall contact your DDC Specialist and/or Family Resource Center Services Counselor within 24 hours after your release from custody.

The DC&F shall find suitable placement for child(ren)'s names _____ for (dates) _____.

The care, custody, and control of the above-named child(ren) shall be under the supervision of the DC&F.

Corrections shall transport (name)_____ to County Jail or on (date and time)_____, to be released from custody on (date and time) _____.

You are dismissed from the DDC.

Regardless of whether you are dismissed from the DDC, YOU ARE STILL SUBJECT TO ALL PRIOR ORDERS issued in your dependency case, including orders to appear for future hearings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: _____

I fully and freely consent to the terms of this order.

I waive any right that I may have to contest the results of the alcohol / drug test which generated this hearing.

My attorney has fully advised me of my constitutional rights.

DATED: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian (print)

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Signature of Parent / Guardian's Attorney

APPENDIX B

DDC Screening and Assessment Package

DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
Initial Intake
Drug and Alcohol Screening and Evaluation Coversheet

DDC No:

INITIAL INTAKE
Releases of Information
File Information Sheet
Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI)
Addiction Severity Index - Female Version (ASI-F)

ASAM (As Needed)

**Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida - Juvenile Division
DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE AND DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL ALCOHOL
AND/OR DRUG ABUSE PATIENT INFORMATION**

I, _____, ID # _____
(Print Client Name)

and on behalf of minor children, _____
(Print Names Of Children If Applicable)

do hereby authorize the Dependency Drug Court (DDC) and staff thereof, to receive and exchange information with _____
(Print Name and Address of Program/Facility/Organization)

(Print City, State, and Zip Code)

I understand that information pertaining to my attendance and progress in treatment is protected by Federal Regulation 42CFR, Part 2, "Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records" and cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided for in the regulations. I willingly and voluntarily authorize to disclose information regarding both my and my children's previous treatment episodes, current and previous substance abuse history, current need for treatment as well as progress, attendance and degree of participation in any treatment or components thereof as mandated by the Court, to the Judge, case managers, health staff and employees and partners of the DDC as necessary to monitor my court mandated treatment. Should I be mandated to attend treatment or services with my children, I hereby authorize that the above named agency release all necessary information to the listed parties for ongoing monitoring of the child's status. I further allow for the information's re-disclosure to my attorney, Florida Children and Family Services (DCFS) and its contract agencies including foster care agencies, the Legal Aid Society, Florida Division of Parole, Florida Department of Probation, and the Florida State Criminal and Supreme Courts, if applicable.

The extent of the information to be released and disclosed in my (and/or my children's) diagnosis, attendance, scope of treatment, treatment progress and quality of participation, dates and results of urinalysis testing, and termination or completion of my treatment.

The purpose and need to disclose the above information is to comply with the conditions of my court mandate and to inform the listed parties of my ongoing participation in any mandated treatment so that the Court can make informed legal decisions in the best interest of my children. My consent for release of such information is limited to these purposes.

I understand that the information may affect the status and whereabouts of my children and may result in modifying the terms of Court orders and/or mandates the terms of my participation in a treatment program.

I understand that this consent will remain in effect throughout the duration of my participation in DDC, but can be revoked by me at any time.

I understand that the recipients of this information may re-disclose it only in connection with their official duties and with respect to the terms of my Court mandated treatment and the well-being and best interests of my children as deemed by the Court.

Client

Date

Witness

Expiration Date

**DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
FILE INFORMATION SHEET**

I. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

NAME: _____ DATE: _____
 SSN: _____ GENDER: _____ COURT CASE #: _____
 DOB: _____ AGE: _____ RACE/ETHNICITY: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ MARITAL STATUS: _____
 PHONE #: _____ EDUCATION: _____
 WORK#: _____

II. PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS

TREATMENT: _____ PHONE: _____
 TREATMENT ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
 CLIENT'S ATTORNEY: _____ PHONE: _____
 DCF CASEWORKER: _____ PHONE: _____
 DCF ATTORNEY: _____ PHONE: _____

III. HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION (description of home)

APARTMENT: _____ HOUSE: _____ OTHER: _____
 # BEDROOMS: _____ # BATHROOMS: _____
 PAYMENT TYPE: _____ OWN: _____ RENT: _____ SECTION 8: _____

ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

NAME	DOB	AGE	OCCUPATION	RELATIONSHIP

IV. CHILDREN

# CHILDREN: _____	# WITH CLIENT: _____	# NOT WITH CLIENT: _____	PLACEMENT
NAME	DOB	PLACEMENT NAME/PHONE (Closing)	(see options below)

V. SUPPORT SYSTEMS (SIGNIFICANT OTHER, FAMILY, SPONSOR, COMMUNITY)

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

VI. EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

PHONE

APPENDIX C

DDC Forms

DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
JUDICIAL ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

PARENT: _____ DATE: _____
DOB: _____ SS NO: _____ DDC NO: _____ CASE NO: _____
CHILDREN IN PETITION: _____
CLIENT ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

ELIGIBILITY:

Inclusion Criteria

_____ Judicial Recommendation	_____ Primary Custodian
_____ New Petition	_____ Volunteer
_____ Substance Abuse Involvement	

Exclusion Criteria

_____ Sexual Perpetrator	_____ Advanced Terminal Illness
_____ Mental Illness (unstable) or Incompetency	

Special Considerations

_____ Physical Abuse	_____ History of violent or criminal offenses
_____ Mental Illness that is stable	_____ Immigration Status
_____ Prior TPR	_____ Methadone Maintenance

REFERRAL SOURCE:

_____ Judge _____ Defense Attorney _____ DC&F Attorney _____ DC&F Worker

JUDICIAL DETERMINATION:

_____ Eligible _____ Not Eligible (NOTE: DDC Specialist will collect this form on all parents)
_____ Probationary Period _____ Pending further information

REFERRAL TO/OR CURRENT PARTICIPATION:

_____ Linda Ray Intervention Center _____ Baby Steps/Starting Early, Starting Smart
_____ Domestic Violence

COMPLETE ORDERS: (IF ELIGIBLE)

_____ Agreement to Participate in DDC	_____ Order for Ages & Stages Evaluation
_____ Acknowledgment of DDC Procedures	_____ Order for Continued Stay in Treatment
_____ Order to Participate in DDC	_____ Order Providing DDC with Dependency
_____ Order Drug Screen Test (Urinalysis)	_____ Petition and copy of criminal record
_____ Order for Strengthening Families	

REFERRAL TO DDC SPECIALIST:

Attorney for DC&F: _____	DC&F Counselor _____
Phone No.: _____	Phone No.: _____
Attorney for Client: _____	
Phone No.: _____	

The Honorable Jeri B. Cohen

DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
Juvenile Court, Eleventh Judicial Court, In and for Miami-Dade County, Florida

Linkage Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding

The following is a referral/linkage agreement between the Dependency Drug Court Project (herein after referred to as "DDC") located at 3300 NW 27th Avenue, #1167, Miami, Florida 33142, and, _____, located at _____ (Herein after referred to as "Provider")

This agreement shall be effective beginning: _____ and establishes a reciprocal relationship which will facilitate professional, appropriate, effective, and confidential services to persons referred by DDC.

Provisions of this Agreement are herein set forth:

1. The DDC will provide screening and assessment for clients who enter the program. This procedure will include screenings for substance abuse problems, as well as psychiatric disorders, motivation and readiness for treatment, risk for violence, medical problems and life-threatening illnesses. This project will also document involvement in the criminal justice system.
2. DDC will provide treatment referrals to treatment providers that are best suited to meet the needs of the clients.
3. DDC will provide a system of court monitored phases, appearances, rewards, sanctions, and frequent randomized urine toxicology screenings over a one year period.
4. DDC staff will include six dedicated case managers/counselors from the Family Resource Center (FRC) and five DDC Specialists who will provide case management services. These staff members will collaborate to develop a caseplan, maintain treatment records, monitor clients' progress, integrate treatment services, and provide after-care support services in community-based settings. The name of the Court staff will be provided to the providers.
5. At the time of the signing of this Agreement, the Provider shall provide to DDC written copies of: 1) the Provider's established policy regarding acceptance of potential clients; 2) any regulations regarding confidentiality; and 3) all regulations impacting treatment and client expectations. The Provider must be operating with a regular DCF license for Substance Abuse Services, in accordance with rule 65D-30 FAC. Providers operating with an interim license will not be Providers of services for DDC.
6. The Provider shall make all final determinations regarding the suitability of potential clients for a particular treatment modality consistent with the ASAM Criteria and DCF Utilization Management Protocols.
7. Once clients are deemed appropriate for treatment and a referral has been made, DDC will provide all information regarding court-mandated terms of treatment to the Provider.
8. The Provider will adhere to treatment requirements as set forth in the court-mandated terms of treatment, but will make all other determinations regarding content and scope of treatment consistent with court-mandated terms of treatment. In case of disagreement between the Provider and DDC, the Court's view of whether a Provider's treatment is consistent with court-mandated treatment shall govern and/or an independent opinion will be sought from a qualified professional.
9. DDC will provide written authorization for release and disclosure of Confidential Alcohol and Drug Patient Information in accordance with Federal Regulation 42 CFR, Part 2.
10. The confidentiality and exchange of client information between DDC and the Provider shall be governed by regulations specified in DDC's consent forms and applicable Provider regulations.
11. For every client in DDC, the Provider will identify a liaison as well as a "back-up" with whom to exchange information and ensure consistent communication with DDC.
12. The Provider will supply verbal and written reports and accounts as set forth in the Information Exchange Requirements provided by DDC. Information will include, but is not limited to, attendance, scope of treatment, quality of participation, all urine dates and results, problems, achievements and treatment accomplishments, and interactions with clients' child(ren). Such information will be required at each court hearing. The frequency of court hearings is contained in the DDC protocol.
13. To the extent possible, DDC will endeavor to establish and maintain a partnership with the Provider where

- treatment decisions for specific clients are mutually acceptable and information is easily accessible.
14. To ensure a collaboration, the Provider is encouraged to initiate communication with the DDC regarding a client's treatment or any related issue as often as necessary.
 15. To the extent possible, the Provider may seek to use DDC as a motivator for treatment compliance.

TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notification and shall be effective thirty (30) days from receipt of such notification. Termination of Agreement shall not require the termination of existing clients. Said client shall continue to receive services in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement until such time the client is no longer under the supervision of DDC. The undersigned agrees to implement the terms of this Agreement within their respective agencies.

Print Name & Title (on Behalf of DDC)

Print Name & Title (on Behalf of the Provider)

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

**DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
ADDENDUM TO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CASE PLAN**

DATE: _____

CASE NUMBER: _____

PARENT(S): _ _____

CHILD(REN): _ _____

1. _____, known as client hereafter, will abide by the terms and conditions in the "Order to participate in the Dependency Drug Court (DDC) Program which was signed on _____.

2. Participation in DDC will take place in (4) phases for a period of one year. Each phase will consist of (3) months each followed by a self-reliance phase which will consist of (6) months of monitoring post reunification.

Phase 1 will consist of approximately (1) month and the client will attend court appearances once a week. During this Phase, engagement, legal issues, referrals to services, a urinalysis schedule, intake assessment, and admission to a treatment program will be addressed.

Phase 2 will consist of approximately (3) months and the client will attend court appearances every two weeks. During this Phase, the client will be expected to be enrolled and participating in ancillary services, attend family planning appointment, identify a home group for meetings, attend meetings regularly, and maintain negative urinalysis test results.

Phase 3 will consist of approximately (4) months and the client will attend court appearances once a month. During this Phase, client will be expected to successfully complete ancillary services, successfully complete treatment program and begin aftercare treatment program, obtain a sponsor, begin working the twelve step program, and maintain negative urinalysis.

Phase 4 will consist of approximately (4) months and the client will attend court appearances once a month. During this Phase, the client will be expected to successfully complete aftercare treatment program, obtain/maintain stable housing and employment, continue to attend meetings regularly, maintain regular contact with sponsor, and work steps.

Self-Reliance Phase will consist of approximately (6) months and the client will attend court appearances every (2) months. During this Phase, the client will be expected to maintain stable housing and employment, continue to attend meetings regularly, maintain regular contact with sponsor, and work steps.

3. The client shall submit to urinalysis testing for the duration of the Case Plan. The client shall submit to urinalysis testing (3) times per week during phases one and two of the program, twice a week during the third phase and once a week randomly during the fourth and self-reliance phases or as many times as ordered by the Court. A missed urinalysis will be considered a positive result and sanctions may be imposed.

4. The client shall attend, participate in, and comply with required treatment sessions as deemed necessary by the Provider and the Court.
5. Client shall be required to attend Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings and/or Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meetings at a minimum of (3) times a week and/or on days in which client is not participating in treatment or services. Client shall submit meeting logs to Drug Court Specialist on a weekly basis.
6. The client shall obtain a sponsor and work the Twelve Steps in the AA/NA Program. Client will provide Specialist with the name and contact number of sponsor. Sponsor may be required to attend periodic court hearings.
7. The client will be required to complete exercises in the Twelve Step working guide provided by the Drug Court Specialist. The written exercises will be submitted to the Drug Court Specialist on a regular basis.
8. The client shall submit to a psychological and/or psychiatric evaluation as ordered by the court. The evaluation shall address concerns relating to the issues that brought this case into the system. The client shall fulfill any recommendations made on this evaluation, including any recommended counseling, therapy or psychotropic medication management.
9. The client shall obtain necessary mental health services and comply with treatment recommendations and medication.
10. The client shall obtain stable employment and will agree to provide copies of check stubs to the Drug Court Specialist when requested.
11. The client shall obtain stable housing and will agree to provide rent and utility receipts to the Drug Court Specialist when requested. The client shall inform the Department of Children and Families and Dependency Drug Court Specialist within seventy two (24) hours of a change of address or change in telephone number.
12. The client will not possess, use or consume alcohol or illegal substances, or misuse prescription medications. In addition, Ephedrine may not be used. Over the counter medications which contain "D" or "DM" (Robitussin), Sudafed, NyQuil, and alcohol-containing cough/cold syrups such as Nyquil may not be used. Alcohol-containing mouthwashes and other breath cleaning products, such as Scope and breath strips, may not be used. It is the client's responsibility to limit exposure to products and substances containing ethyl alcohol, therefore labels should be inspected before consumption.
13. The client shall refrain from any criminal activity. The client shall also refrain from knowingly associating with persons possessing illegal substances, persons with an identified substance abuse problem not currently in recovery, persons misusing prescription medications and persons involved in any criminal activity.
14. The client shall attend and successfully complete an interactive; evidenced based parenting skills class which includes a pre/post test. Successful completion shall be verified in writing to the Dependency Drug Court Specialist.

15. The client shall participate in trauma counseling as deemed necessary by the court.

16. The client shall adhere to the rules of the Department of Children and Families Case Plan and the Dependency Drug Court Addendum.

PARENT/GUARDIAN & DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S ATTORNEY
& DATE

CHILDREN & FAMILIES COUNSELOR
& DATE

CHILDREN & FAMILIES ATTORNEY & DATE

DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT SPECIALIST
& DATE

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE & DATE

**DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

REPORTING PERIOD: XXX - XXX

CASE NUMBER: XXXXXX

CLIENT NAME: XXXXX

CHILD(REN)'S NAME(S): XXXXXX

DDC SPECIALIST: XXXXX

PROGRAM COMPLIANCE: Excellent Very Good Good Fair Poor

Progress Notes/Comments:

DDC PROGRAM:

Entered DDC on 11/20/06 and is currently in Phase 3 of the program.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT:

- Client entered treatment at the Village, on 12/12/06.
- According to reports from the Village, Ms. XXXX has completed all treatment requirements and is being successfully discharged from treatment today. According to therapist, client has made significant progress in the last several months and has gained insight and has remained motivated and committed to her recovery and her children.
- Client will participate in the Village's aftercare component, where she will participate in group and individual counseling and will be assigned both a case manager and a therapist.

URINALYSIS:

- Client has been testing negative since entering treatment on 12/12/06.

SPONSOR/NA MEETINGS:

- According to client and Village staff, the client attends outside meetings on a regular basis and has obtained a sponsor who she is actively working with.

VISITS WITH CHILDREN:

- On 08/10/07, the children were removed from the Village and placed in foster care, she is currently receiving 2 hour weekly therapeutic visits which are being closely monitored by FRC therapist.

- According to FRC worker, Ms. XXX has been on time and has attended all visits. It is also being reported that Ms. XXX is appropriately interacting with the children during the visits.

PARENTING CLASSES:

- Ms. XXX successfully completed Linda Ray Intervention Center's Project Hand N Hand on 04/25/07.
- Ms. XXX has completed make-up parenting classes with the University of Miami's Nurturing and Strengthening Families program. Therapist reports that client has been engaged in all classes and that client has gained a significant amount of insight as to appropriate parenting skills and ensuring the safety of her children. According to therapist, client is taking responsibility for her actions and is no longer blaming others for her current situation.

ANCILLARY SERVICES:

- Ms. XXX was referred to the Journey Institute's survivors of sexual abuse program for individual counseling. Therapist reports that Ms. XXX has attended scheduled sessions and is working on several interpersonal issues. She also reports that Ms. XXX has been actively engaged and participates in therapy.

EDUCATION/ EMPLOYMENT:

- Client will work with the Village's aftercare program's case manager who will assist her in obtaining part-time employment or enrolling in GED classes.

PSYCHOLOGICAL/PSYCHIATRIC ISSUES:

- Client was psychologically evaluated by Dr. XXX on XXX. Results of evaluation have been provided to the court. .
- Client was seen by Village psychiatrist XXX on XXX at which time her medications were adjusted. Village report indicates that client has been diagnosed with Cocaine Abuse, Major depressive disorder & Anxiety disorder.
Client is currently not taking any psychotropic medications due to her pregnancy.
- Client completed neuropsychological evaluation, results were provided to the on 08/09/07.

HOUSING:

- Client will reside with her significant other at her godfather's home located at XXXX Miami, FL.

CONCERNS/RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT:

- Although case was originally scheduled for XXX, it was placed on calendar due to client's successful discharge from the Village. Case will remain on next week's calendar for the filling of the TPR petition.
- Mediation on this case has been scheduled for XXXX.

DDC SPECIALIST: _____ DATE: XXXXX

**DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
MONTHLY TREATMENT PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: _____ Check If Non-Compliant Report ____
 Client Name: _____ Case Number: _____
 Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____
 Treatment Facility: _____ Treatment Modality: _____
 Treatment Start Date: _____ Fax Number: _____
 Primary Counselor: _____ Phone Number: _____
 DDC Specialist: _____ DDC Start Date: _____
Report Period: From: _____ To: _____

Day of Month	Days Present	Days Absent	Days Excused (Include Reason)	Toxicology Date/Results	Indicate Treatment (Individual, Groups, Workshops, Etc.) Attended & Progress
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					
18					
19					
20					
21					
22					

DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT

Client Name: _____ Case Number: _____

Day of Month	Days Present	Days Absent	Days Excused (Include Reason)	Toxicology Date/Results	Indicate Treatment (Individual, Groups, Workshops, Etc.) Attended & Progress
23					
24					
25					
26					
27					
28					
29					
30					
31					

Number of client contacts this period: _____ Other: _____

Progress Notes/Comments:

Preparer's Name and Title: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Preparer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Note:

- ❖ Please return form to DDC Specialist with copies of urinalysis results.
- ❖ Submit treatment plan for clients entering a new treatment modality (residential, day/night, out-patient, aftercare, etc).
- ❖ Submit discharge plans (agency and client) and discharge summary (agency) for clients completing any treatment modality (residential, day/night, out-patient, aftercare, etc). Clients completing residential programs must also submit a safety plan.

Fax Numbers: Amparo Carrera, Alexa Ortiz, Marlen Bouzon, Cynthia Reese-Howard, Tammy Wilson-Rivers, Atara Dallas, Danielle Hernandez (305) 638-5695.

**DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
WEEKLY TREATMENT PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: _____ Check If Non-Compliant Report ____
 Client Name: _____ Case Number: _____
 Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____
 DDC Specialist: _____ DDC Start Date: _____
 Report Period: From: _____ To: _____

Day of Week	Days Present	Days Absent	Days Excused (Include Reason)	Toxicology Date/Results	Indicate Treatment (Individual, Groups, Workshops, Etc.) Attended & Progress

Number of client contacts this period: _____ Other: _____

Progress Notes/Comments:

Treatment Facility: _____ Treatment Modality: _____
 Treatment Start Date: _____ Fax Number: _____
 Primary Counselor: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Preparer's Name and Title: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Preparer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Note:

- ❖ Please return to DDC Specialist with copies of urinalysis results.
- ❖ Submit treatment plan for clients entering a new treatment modality (residential, day/night, out-patient, aftercare, etc).
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DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
Eleventh Circuit, Juvenile Court, Miami-Dade County, Florida
Status of Court Appearance

Client: _____

Date: _____

Compliant Behavior:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending court appearances | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending (approved) visitation with child(ren) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negative urinalysis results | <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance/Participation at treatment center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance with case plan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance/Participation at meetings | |

Rewards:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment by Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased visitation with child(ren) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applause | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsupervised visitation with child(ren) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reunification with child | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation ceremony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phase advancement certificate (Indicate #___) | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased court appearances | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift basket grab bag |

Non-Compliant Behavior:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to appear in court | <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to attend visitation with child(ren) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Positive urinalysis result | <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized visitation with child(ren) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to provide urine samples | <input type="checkbox"/> Dishonest statement (written/spoken) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to attend meetings/counseling sessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to perform sanctions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving treatment program | <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to comply with other case plan tasks |

Sanctions:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reprimand from court | <input type="checkbox"/> Essay / Speech to Judge at next court hearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased court appearances | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased intensity in meeting attendance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community service hours (Indicate # of hours___) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation for TPR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phase demotion (Indicate #_____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Goodbye letter to children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased urinalysis monitoring (Times/week) | |

Comments, Tasks, Follow-Up, Etc:

DDC: _____

DCF: _____

Other: _____

Return: _____ DDC Specialist: _____

Time: _____

**DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
Court Sanctions & Phasing File Sheet**

Client Name: _____

Case #: _____

Sanctions:

1. Date: _____ Phase: _____ Non-Compliant Event: _____

Sanction: _____

2. Date: _____ Phase: _____ Non-Compliant Event: _____

Sanction: _____

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10. Date: _____ Phase: _____ Non-Compliant Event: _____

Sanction: _____

Phasing:

DDC Start Date: _____

Phase I:	Phase II:	Phase III:	Phase IV:
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DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
Proof of NA/AA Attendance

As a condition of my involvement in Dependency Drug Court I, _____,
have been determined to be in need of a drug/alcohol abstinence program (Narcotics Anonymous and/or
Alcoholics Anonymous). I am required to attend no less than _____ meeting(s) per week.

Date: _____
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APPENDIX D

Referral Forms

REFERRAL FORM
DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
3300 NW 27th Ave., Room 1167
Miami, FL 33142

Attn: _____

Fax: _____

DATE: _____

REFERRED BY: _____

TELEPHONE: 305-638-5691 ext. _____

FAX: 305-638-5695

Please accept this referral of the below named client who, as a respondent in a child dependence proceeding at the Miami/Dade Juvenile Court, has been ORDERED BY THE COURT, specifically the Honorable Jeri B. Cohen, to complete the below listed course of treatment and/or ancillary services.

REFERRAL TO:

(Program name/address and contact)

CLIENT NAME: _____

DOB: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NO:

CLIENT'S ADDRESS:

CLIENT'S TELEPHONE / CONTACT INFO:

LANGUAGE (S) PREFERRED:

REASON FOR REFERRAL:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Appointment Date: _____

Service Start Date: _____

Status:
____ Accepted
____ No-Show
____ Re-Schedule

Client Contacted: _____ Status: In Person / Telephone
____ Confirmed
____ Voice Mail
____ No Contact (specify)

DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
Nurturing/Strengthening Families Referral Form

TO: Linda Ray Intervention Center, University of Miami
ATTENTION: Dr. Lynne Katz
(fax) 305-325-1151
(phone) 305-325-1818 ext. 307
(beeper) 305-750-2298

Date: _____ Referred by: _____

Case number: _____

Client's name: _____ Child's Name & DOB: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Address:

Additional family members needing parenting:

Address & Telephone:

Primary Language of client for service delivery: _____

Current address of caregiver and children (if children are in alternative placements, give name, address and telephone number of caregiver): _____

Are any of the children currently living with a grandparent or other relative? Yes _____ No _____

Telephone of client or client contact person (i.e. counselor, case manager): _____

DATE OF NEXT HEARING: _____

EXPECTED START DATE: _____

THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

**IN RE: PROTOCOL FOR TRANSFER OF
CASES TO THE DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT
AT SHELTER HEARING**

WHEREAS, in dependency proceedings, Chapter 39 of the Florida Statutes requires the Court to rehabilitate parents with substance abuse problems to promote the parents' ability to regain custody of their child(ren); and

WHEREAS, an existing Dependency Drug Court (DDC) has been in operation since 1999 and has expanded its referral capacity across dependency divisions for potentially eligible cases to DDC for screening since 2008,

WHEREAS, based on national studies, DDC provides "evidence based" or "best practice" services to parents leading to successful reunification of families and the national and local studies confirm that DDC demonstrates positive child welfare outcomes for drug court participants;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Administrative Judge of the Juvenile Division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, I hereby establish the following protocol for referral to Dependency Drug Court:

Initial Eligibility Criteria:

All dependency divisions of the juvenile court shall identify potential dependency drug court cases using the following triggers:

1. Upon the filing of a new petition;
2. When substance use/abuse involvement or co-occurring disorder (substance abuse and mental health) is noted on the petition or identified by the court and reunification is the goal; and
3. By order of the court, upon a successful eligibility determination and transfer to the DDC division Judge.

Clients with a history of the following exclusionary criteria are automatically excluded from participation in the DDC:

1. Sexual perpetrator;
2. Pedophile;
3. Severe physical or sexual abuse on a child;
4. A clinical diagnosis of schizophrenia or psychosis;
5. Advanced terminal illness; or
6. Prior terminations with extensive Department of Children and Families abuse reports, unless the drug court Judge orders participation upon the request, referral and transfer by the division Judge.

Upon identifying a case meeting the aforementioned eligibility criteria, the presiding Judge shall offer the DDC program option to the parent and explain that DDC is a voluntary program which offers wraparound, supportive services to parents with allegations of alcohol and drug use who are seeking reunification with their child(ren).

If the parent agrees to voluntarily submit to the DDC program option, the following procedures shall occur:

1. The Court shall contact DDC program at (305) 638-5691 ext. 261
2. A representative of the program shall meet with the parent in court to explain the program content;
3. The Clerks of the Court shall set a drug court review hearing before the drug court division Judge seven days after referral and proceed to set all relevant court dates before the division Judge. The relevant court dates include all statutorily mandated hearings.
4. The DDC representative shall coordinate an appointment with the parent to conduct an eligibility assessment. The assessment shall be conducted either on the date of the referral or within 6 (six) days from the determination of initial eligibility;

The assessment involves the following:

- Upon referral, identification, eligibility confirmation and approval by the presiding Judge the DDC Program Coordinator shall perform the intake, clinical screening and assessment for parents.
 - The intake shall consist of an overview of the program components; completion of the necessary forms to include releases of information and the client file information sheet; and an assessment of parent's mental status, suicide and homicide risk, and treatment motivation determination.
5. If the client is ineligible for Drug Court:

- a. A DDC representative shall provide a written report and recommendations to the division Judge regarding the parent's ineligibility for the drug court review hearing.
 - b. The DDC representative shall cancel the court hearing set before the DDC division Judge, prior to the drug court review hearing date and notify the Department of Children and Families attorney of the status change.
6. If the client is eligible for Drug Court, the parent agrees to willfully consent to participate in the program, a staffing has occurred and the parents attorney is in agreement:
 - a. The parent shall sign all DDC paperwork prior to the drug court review;
 - b. If the parent's attorney is unavailable on the day of referral, the DDC representative may discuss the result of assessment at the drug court review hearing and request the parent to sign all DDC paperwork at the hearing;
 - c. The DDC specialist shall notify the court at the drug court review hearing of the parent's willful participation in the program.
 - d. The Clerk of the Court shall prepare the transfer order for the division Judge's signature.
 - e. The Clerk of Court shall provide notices to parties at hearing. All other parties shall be noticed by the Department and Children and families.
 - f. The Clerk of Court shall cancel all previously scheduled hearings before the division judge.
 - g. The DDC program coordinator shall assign the parent's case to a DDC specialist.
 - h. The DDC specialist shall attend all future court hearings.
7. For those cases transferred to the DDC division, the next and all future hearings and relevant court dates, including all statutorily mandated hearings court date shall be before the DDC division judge.
8. If the case transferred is to be set for arraignment, the arraignment hearing shall be set by the Clerk of the Court on the third or fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. or at 1:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month only.
9. Once the case is transferred into the drug court division, the transferring division is able to receive another blind file case.
10. A representative from the DDC will provide a status report to the Court at each and every scheduled hearing until successful termination or termination due to non-compliance with the program.
11. Should there be a need to expand the DDC division hearing schedule; hearings will be conducted on Wednesdays. Should this occur, the court and agency partners will be advised in advance and the agency calendar will be revised to reflect this change, after coordination with court agency partners.

12. All DDC parents shall be responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions as set forth in the DDC acknowledgment and agreement forms, as otherwise ordered by the Court, and as set forth in Chapter 39, Florida Statutes.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County this 26th day of June 2009.

**CINDY S. LEDERMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**