

FY2022 Family Treatment Court Grant Program Application

Department: Treatment Services

Program to be served by grant: Hall County Family Treatment Court

Grant Solicitation Release Date: August 25, 2025

Grant Application Deadline: September 15, 2025

Total Budget Requested: \$40,680

Match Requirement: 25% using CACJ state-funded Coordinator salary

Maximum Dollar Amount per Award: \$50,000

Project Description

Treatment Services is the umbrella agency that encompasses all the accountability court programs in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit (Hall and Dawson counties). Our circuit currently operates multiple accountability court programs in Hall County (Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Family Treatment Court and DUI Court) and operates a multi-track treatment court program in Dawson County with 4 distinct tracks (drug track, mental health track, family treatment court track, and DUI track). Between all our accountability court programs, we currently serve over 580 active participants with treatment and drug testing services offered 7 days per week. Treatment Services also operates a full-time drug testing lab which analyzes over 53,000 drug screens per year.

The Hall County Family Treatment Court (FTC) currently has a census of 39 participants and has been in operation since 2006. The program provides intensive, evidence-based interventions to parents navigating substance use recovery while working to strengthen family stability. The court currently offers the Celebrating Families and Strengthening Families curriculum as a core component of the program. Both the Celebrating Families and Strengthening Families complete 3 full cohorts per year with an average group size of 8 participants. We anticipate that 85% of participating families will complete at least one of the curricula annually.

To support our facilitation of this curriculum, we are requesting additional funding to support weekly meals during sessions, additional parenting and family counseling services, post-group incentives to support the family unit, and transportation vouchers to reduce barriers to treatment. These wraparound services ensure participants can fully engage in the program, supporting long-term recovery and successful family reunification.

Needs Statement

Hall County currently has 39 active participants enrolled in Family Treatment Court. Many participants face significant barriers to program engagement, including limited access to transportation, food insecurity, and a lack of affordable family counseling. These barriers hinder consistent participation and diminish the effectiveness of treatment court services. By removing these barriers, parents and children can enjoy basic needs being met while experiencing a recovery-oriented environment with consistent access to supportive family counseling resources.

Substance use disorders disrupt parent-child bonds, erode family stability, and strain community resources. Without these supports, many families face inconsistent attendance, relapse risk, and fractured relationships. With them, families not only complete the program but build resilience, restore stability, and break intergenerational cycles of addiction and trauma.

Project Goals

1. Provide weekly meals at \$10 per family for an average cost of \$160 per week for the Strengthening Families and Celebrating Families curriculum. Each group has approximately 8 group members per group.
2. Promote family stability by supporting parents in becoming healthier parents and positive role models. Family counseling and parenting services will be provided by a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) at a pay rate of \$80 per hour to specifically address treatment with children with behavioral challenges.
3. Reduce transportation barriers to and from treatment groups by providing program participants with \$25 WeGo vouchers. WeGo is a safe and reliable government-sponsored rideshare service often utilized by program participants. These funds will help ensure participants are able to consistently attend required programming.
4. Recognize and applaud successful completion of the Celebrating and Strengthening Families curriculum by providing \$50 post-group grocery gift cards to each family to help promote a healthy family unit.

Project Activities and Services

The Hall County Family Treatment Court actively recruits new program participants and works closely with DFCS to quickly identify appropriate candidates. The DFCS screening form is utilized to assist with referrals, case planning, and targeted interventions for program participants. Program staff work diligently to identify appropriate participants and enroll them into the program to receive counseling services as quickly as possible.

Funding will support weekly meals for both the Celebrating Families and Strengthening Families groups at \$10 per family for 16 participants = \$160 per week, for a total cost of \$8,320 per year.

Funding will also support BCBA family counseling and parenting services at a pay rate of \$80 per hour for 6 hours per week = \$480 per week, totaling \$24,960 during the grant period.

Funds will be used to purchase 200 \$25 WeGo vouchers for a total of \$5,000 to remove transportation barriers to treatment for our low-income families.

Funds will also be used to purchase \$50 grocery gift cards for each family as a modest incentive to reinforce program commitment and celebrate family resilience. These incentives will be provided post-completion of the Celebrating and Strengthening Families curriculum. With an estimated 3 cohorts of 16 participants across both groups annually, the cost would be \$2,400.

By funding these wraparound services, this grant will allow the Hall County Family Treatment Court to deliver evidence-based interventions with fidelity and compassion. Families will share meals, gain parenting tools, overcome transportation barriers, and celebrate milestones together. We anticipate these combined efforts will result in increased retention, stronger family functioning, and improved parenting outcomes as measured by program assessments and participant feedback.