

Family Recovery Court: CQI

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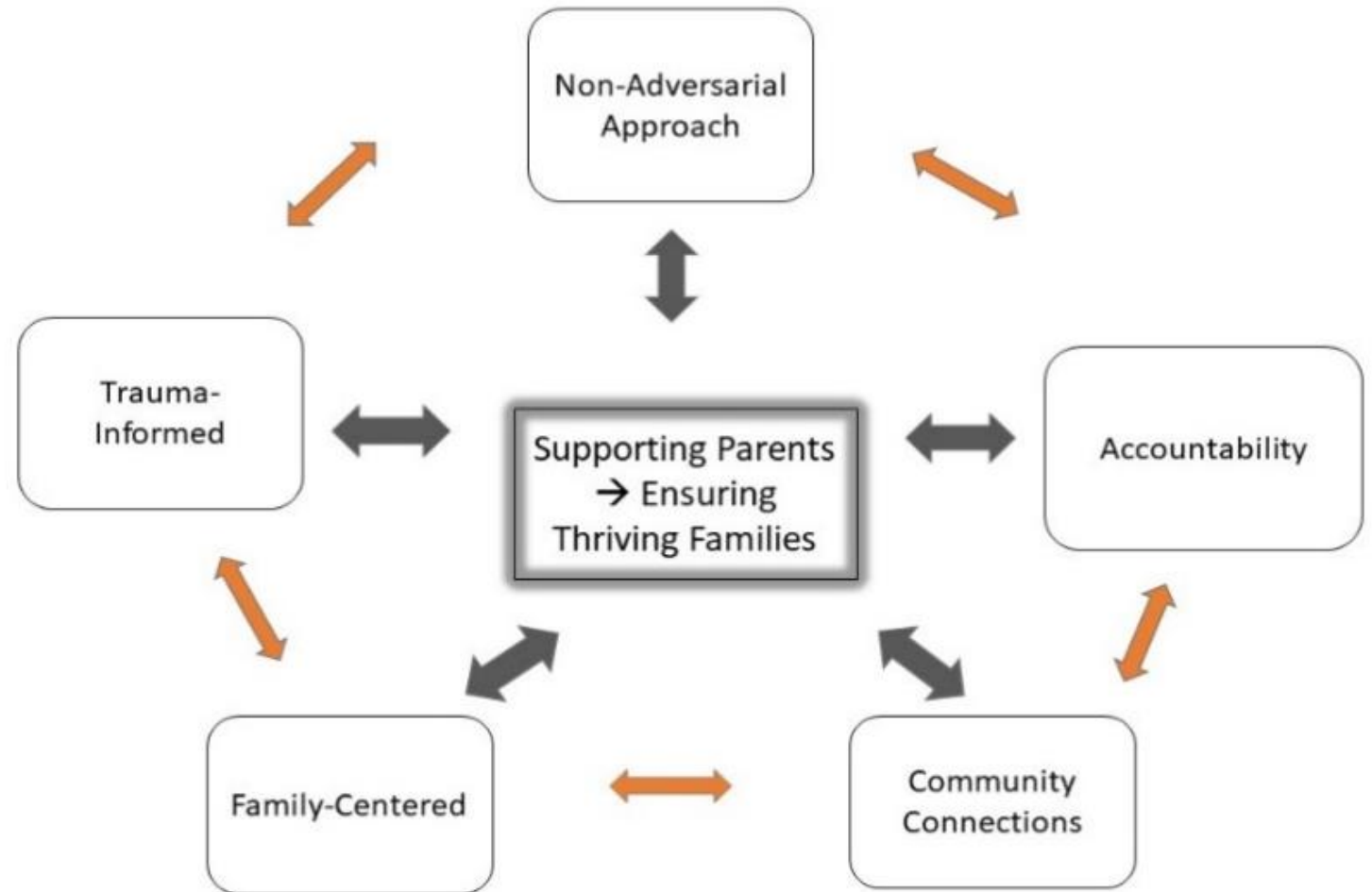
What makes FRC different from regular CPS cases?



EPIS framework: Pilot

- Exploration, Preparation, Implementation, + Sustainability framework used to conduct a holistic evaluation of the Family Recovery Court
- Stage 1: Summer 2022
 - Interviews conducted with 16 professionals + 1 parent graduate of the FRC
 - Focused on *process* and *experiences* with implementation
- Stage 2: Summer 2023
 - Interviews with parent graduates + professionals
- Stage 3: Fall 2023
 - Survey administered and completed by $n = 22$ providers
- Stage 4: Summer 2024
 - Data analysis + ongoing capacity-building
 - Initial *effectiveness*

What differentiates the model?



Assessing Readiness & Buy-In

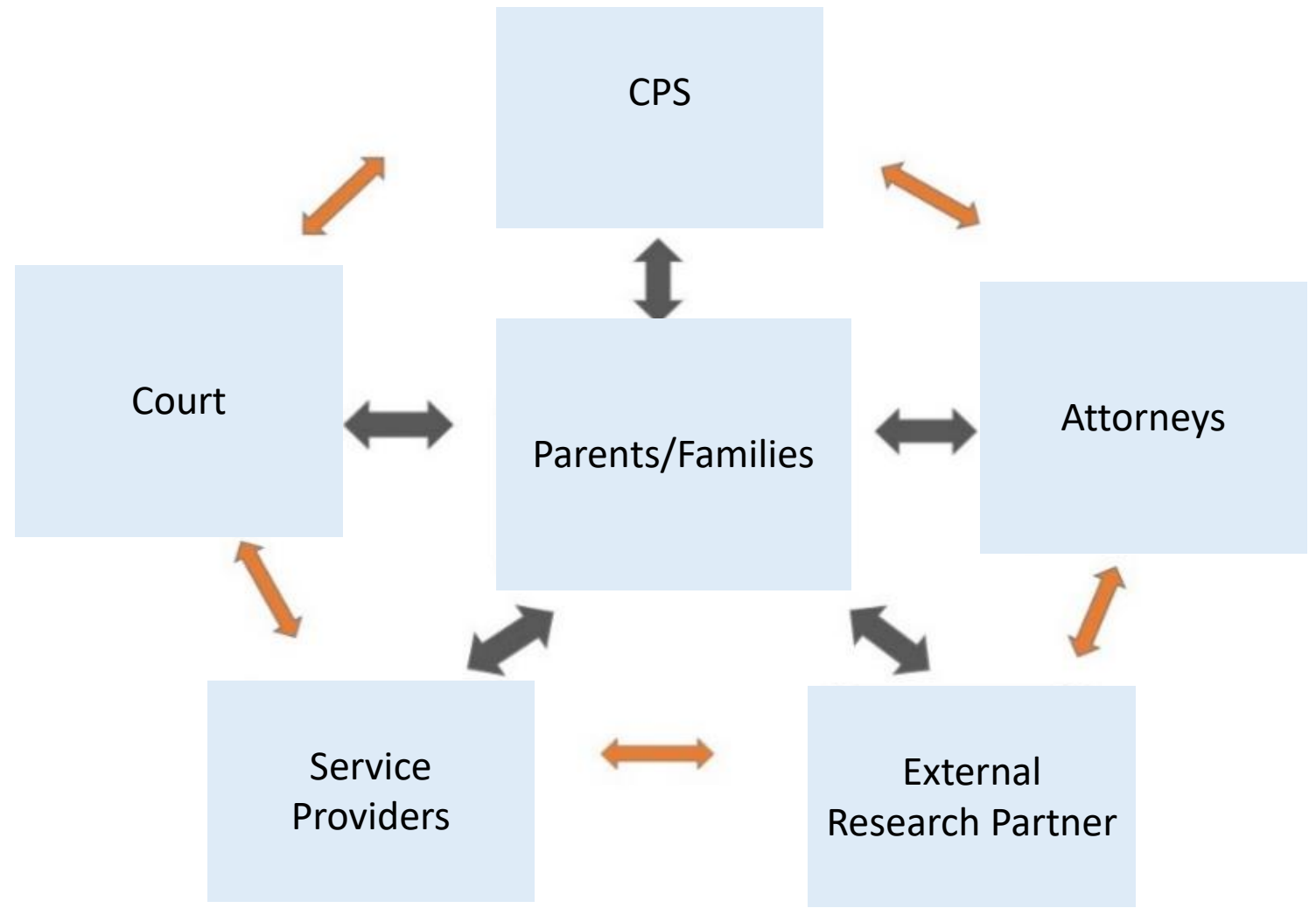


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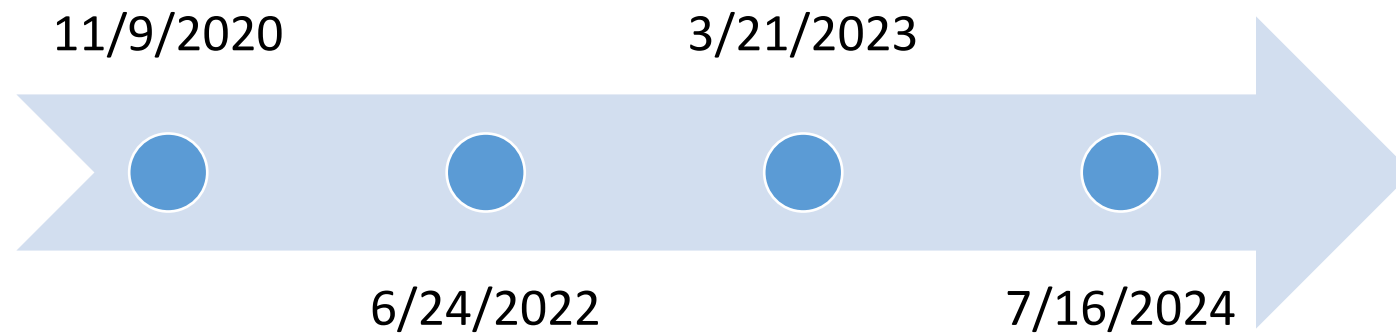
**Building
internal
capacity**

**Partnerships
to track across
systems**

Continuous
Improvement
Requires
Continuous
Feedback



Numbers...



Year	Total Filings
2018	180
2019	121
2020	97
2021	75
2022	80
2023	148
2024 (projected)	100

Flexibility to Meet the Evolving Needs



Documentation



ASSIGNED ATTORNEY INFORMATION SHEET

Counsel:

You have been assigned preliminarily to a potential participant in the Family Recovery Court program. Your role is to explain the program to the potential participant and to provide legal advice regarding the potential benefits and drawbacks of participation for your client.

A Family Group Conference (FGC) has been or will be scheduled to discuss whether your client is in agreement to be considered for the program. Please meet with them in advance of the FGC. Once the FGC is completed, a Family Recovery Court Team Meeting will be set to decide whether the Team recommends your client for admission to this specialty court program.

If your client is accepted into the program, the case may be transferred to a different court, depending on which court was originally assigned, and your assignment will become an official appointment of the Court. If your client is not accepted into the program, your assignment is completed and you are discharged from any legal relationship with the potential participant.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

FRC Staffing Form

The staffing process will go in the following order: with each team member briefly commenting on the lettered item(s).

Participant name:

Days of sobriety:

Housing status:

1. Treatment

- a) Compliance with treatment (attendance, level of progress with treatment plan)
- b) Action/behavior that should be commended or sanctioned
- c) Emergent issues since report was submitted

2. CPS

- a. Frequency of UA's
- b. Compliance with UA's (missed, dilute, negative, positives)
- c. Compliance with court order and/or court-ordered services
- d. Action/behavior that should be commended or sanctioned
- e. Emergent issues since report was submitted

3. CASA

- a. Brief update on children that is not on your report.
- b. Concerns about parents and impacts on the children

4. Ad Litem

- a. Update on children
- b. Concerns about parents and impacts on the children

4. Recovery Support Specialist (Belinda)

- a. Update on support provided or contact made
- b. Potential recovery needs noted

5. Parent Mentor/Coach

- a. Update on support provided or contact made
- b. Recommendations

5. Parent's Attorney

- a. Any issues that should be noted

6. Assistant County Attorney

- a. Status or changes needed on court orders
- b. Next court date

Program Guide for Participants



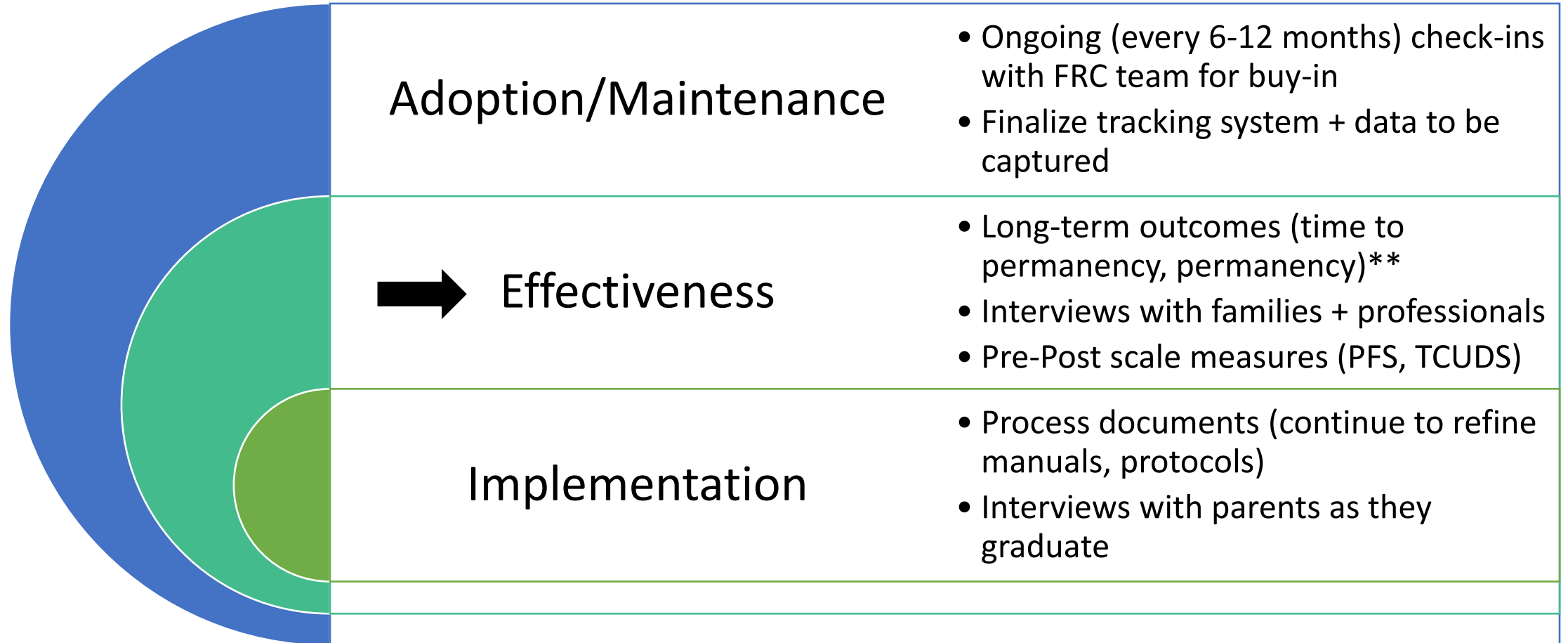
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Practitioner's Toolkit

Next Steps: Data Going Forward



Parent Voices

I was offered recovery court after multiple CPS cases and just, I wasn't ready to get clean and I actually ended up going to rehab on my own. And then they offered me family recovery court afterwards and that was probably one of the, the family recovery court saved my life. I don't think that I would have succeeded without it. Just going to rehab alone, probably would not have done it for me. I will be 2 years clean in November and that's thanks to all the support with family recovery court, the accountability that they [have], they hold you accountable. You know, you have to go to court dates and see coaches and therapists and all those things combined. Without it, I wouldn't' have been able to be here today, I don't think.



Building Bridges through Collaboration

I definitely see us involving more community partners, which is exciting. As we meet new families, we start identifying things we don't know how to handle, or we are able to better identify the need outside of the recovery piece (FRC Provider).

What makes FRC different from regular CPS cases?

Parents

“the System”

Parents

Service Providers

Service Providers

Service Providers

The ordinary process

The FRC Model



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Discussion

What experiences have you had with CQI?

What are some successes you have had in collaboration with other organizations/providers?

What barriers have you encountered in collaboration?

