

**Buchanan
County
District 1
Probation
& Parole**

FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER IMPROVING COMMUNITY TREATMENT SUCCESS (ICTS)

The ICTS program's aim is to reduce the (re)incarceration of behavioral health consumers under Division of Probation and Parole (P&P) supervision by ensuring that significant criminogenic needs are addressed in the community.

In 2018, the Missouri Department of Corrections was appropriated funds to establish and implement a community behavioral health program to provide comprehensive community-based services for people under MODOC supervision who have substance use disorders and/or co-occurring substance use disorders and mild to moderate mental illness, and are considered high risk for reoffending.

The Improving Community Treatment Services (ICTS) program is a way to give Missourians involved in the criminal justice system the tools they need to thrive in their communities, gain employment, and build strong relationships. Both individual and family therapy may be available for children and youth with Missouri Health Net, sliding scale fee and/or private insurance.

Accountability

The ICTS program is based on accountability. The program measures performance of behavioral health providers to ensure services improve both public safety and recovery outcomes. P&P staff work on a team with FGC behavioral health treatment and recovery providers to ensure people on supervision who are at high risk of reoffending and have behavioral health needs receive individualized evidence-based treatment in the community. Requirements of this program are, at minimum, to meet with a counselor, caseworker and peer. To ensure accountability, frequent, random drug testing is a requirement of participation in the program.

Housing

FGC is equipped with a housing specialist to help participants navigate housing barriers. For transient participants in need of a sober-living environment, housing can be provided. Transitional housing must be accredited by the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) and must provide a safe, appropriate, substance-free housing option in the community.

Employment

Much like the role stable housing can play in someone's recovery, employment is also an important factor in offender success. FGC has an employment specialist; in February 2020, all received formal training on best practices that can help justice-involved individuals reach their vocational goals. The Department of Mental Health is able to provide technical assistance with training, job development and employer engagement to develop a strong foundation.

Aftercare

Aftercare services have also been made available for ICTS participants transitioning out of the program. During aftercare for up to six months, clients have access to a peer support specialist who conducts wellness checks.