



PATHS COURTS

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR THE HEALTH AND STABILITY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Project Summary

Funding: \$1.5 million from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

Target Population: Children, parents, and families who are involved in the child welfare system with substance use disorder as a primary or compounding factor in the case.

Strategies *All efforts will be integrated within the Juvenile Court's **Pathways** initiative.*

1. Multi-disciplinary planning and needs assessment by county using the newly developed child welfare mapping tool, **Upstream**.
2. Integration of Family Treatment Court best practices statewide and establishment of Family Treatment Court sessions in high-need regions.

Staffing *funded by grant*

- Project Manager
- Project Coordinator
- Family Treatment Court Coordinators (3)

Project Vision: Healthy families; safe, stable, and nurturing homes for children; and coordinated and comprehensive prevention, intervention, and service networks .

Project Mission: Support the development of sustainable, judicially led, cross-system solutions that improve safety, permanency, and well-being for children, parents, and families.

Goal: Reduce the risk of child maltreatment, family disruption, and trauma among the target population.

Objectives: Facilitate and enhance collaboration and coordination within and across judicial, child welfare, behavioral health treatment, and community-based systems

Implement and support court-based, data-driven, and evidence-based strategies to effectively address the comprehensive needs of children, parents, and families impacted by substance use disorder.

State-level Leadership Team: Key agency leaders across systems, convened and chaired by Chief Justice Amy Nechem.

County-Level Planning Groups: Key local stakeholders across systems, convened and chaired by the Juvenile Court First Justice (or designee).