

**Retention for Juvenile Courts
by Engaging Parents & Families**

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**Importance of Family
Involvement in Drug Court
Programs**

Discussion

**Expectations for Parents &
Families in Drug Court**

Typical Challenges Encountered in Engaging Families in Drug Court

Risk Factors Limiting Family Involvement in Drug Court

- Single Parent Household
- Relative Home Placement
- History of DFCS Involvement
- Antisocial Family Traits
- Domestic/Family Violence
- Child Maltreatment
- Impaired Parenting
- Sibling History of Substance Abuse and/or conflicting relationships

Strategies for Engaging Families in Drug Court

1. Informed Consent and Orientation
2. Identify Risk Factors and Family Issues
3. Intervention and referral as needed
4. Build Rapport and Trust
5. Respect and Empower
6. Approach Each Family as a Unique System – What works for one, may not work for another.
7. Educate about Drug Court and substance abuse.
8. On-going support from Drug Court Team, Treatment, Community Resources, and Peer Support.

Support from Team

Support from Treatment

Community Support & Resources

Peer Support

How do you define success?
