

Substance Intervention Unit

The unit was started in February, 2014 as a result of Summit County Juvenile Court securing a grant to establish a Family Reunification through Recovery Court (FRRC). The unit, housed in the Protective Services Department at Summit County Children Services, includes staff with more than 80 years of combined Child Welfare experience. The purpose of the unit is to assist clients in their recovery/sobriety program through an intense court program.

The Substance Intervention Unit

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*Increasing the Safety and Well-Being
of Children Impacted by Parental
Substance Use*

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*Recovery is a journey,
not a destination*



Services Provided by the Substance Intervention Unit

The unit is assigned cases that are accepted into the FRRC program. The unit participates weekly in the treatment team meetings.

These cases are staffed with a collaborative multi-system approach by professionals from many specialties working together to make the best recommendations for client success.

The team then attends the weekly court hearings in an effort to provide the clients with support, encouragement and accountability. The assigned caseworker meets regularly with the client to provide whatever level of intervention needed to support success in their recovery process.

Cases Appropriate for Consideration are:

- Court filings with a removal
- Completed Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Assessment with positive diagnosis and treatment recommendations
- Desire for change
- Interest in participating in an intense, weekly court program for support and accountability
- Dispositional hearing is pending
- STARS eligible
- NO involuntary permanent custody rulings



If appropriate, the case will be staffed at the weekly treatment team meeting for possible acceptance into the court program. The clients then must meet with their attorney for further discussion and signing the Participation Agreement. This all MUST be completed PRIOR to the dispositional hearing.

