



FAMILY REUNIFICATION COURT INFORMATION SHEET

Court Address
212 E. Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079

Court Telephone No.
(269) 657-8200

Family Recovery Court's target population includes parents who are involved with child protection proceedings with the Family Court as a result of their substance dependence. This includes parents who are seeking reunification with their child(ren) as a result of court ordered removal or parents who are trying to prevent a removal order from occurring.

Family Reunification Court Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a Van Buren County resident, or a resident of a county contiguous to Van Buren County and have his/her principal place of full-time employment in Van Buren County, unless approved by Specialty Court staff or MDOC.
- Must be a US Citizen or qualified alien; and
- Substance abuse or dependence is either the primary reason or an underlying reason for his/her current entry into the criminal justice system.

Family Recovery Court Exclusionary Criteria

- 'Violent Offender' as defined in 28 CFR 93.3(d) and MCL 600.1060(g)
- A review of any special needs or circumstances of the individual that may potentially affect the individual's ability to receive SUD treatment and follow court orders per MCL 600.1064 3 (d)
- No identified substance abuse problem
- Under the age of 17

Referral Process

Any party involved in the child protection proceedings may make a referral to the program, including the child welfare worker, referee, or defense attorney. The referral source contacts program staff and provides the proposed candidate's contact information to request a legal and clinical eligibility screen. Program staff will make every effort to screen candidates within one week of referral. Referral forms can be found on the county website.

Please contact the below staff with referrals or if you have any questions:

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