

**OPIOID  
ABATEMENT**

**Advisory Commission**

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**Opioid Abatement  
Advisory Commission  
Meeting**

**July 17, 2024**

# AGENDA

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**II. Call to Order**

**III. Quorum Declaration**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**V. Presentations**

*a. Drug Take-Back Bin Proposal (Dr. Oye Owolewa)*

*b. Family Treatment Court Program (OAG Family Services Division)*

*c. Recovery High School (Tuere Marshall)*

*d. Opvee (Indivior Representative)*

# AGENDA cont.

- I. Office of Opioid Abatement: Director's Update**
- II. Comprehensive District of Columbia Peer Network Planning**
- III. Unfinished Business**
- IV. Public Comment**
- V. Adjournment**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

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## *Drug Take-Back Bin Proposal*

**Dr. Oye Owolewa**

**US Representative of Washington, DC**

# Drug Take Back Bins

## Issue

- In 2023, there were 518 opioid overdose deaths in the District. That marked a 12% increase from 2022, amounting to 43 deaths per month, twice as many deaths from homicides. 53 of the deaths came from prescription drug misuse. 80% of people who use heroin started with legal prescription opioids.
- 70% of prescription pain relievers are obtained from family or friends often without one's knowledge or permission. 56.5% of teenagers obtain prescription medications from friends or relatives as compared to 18.1% who had the medicines prescribed to them by a doctor. Lastly, the incorrect disposal of medications has impacted our environment and public health. Antibiotics, anticonvulsants, mood stabilizers and hormones have been found in the drinking supply of 46 million Americans and have been detected in the drinking water in 24 major DC cities. There's currently a similar program in Arlington, VA.

# Drug Take Back Bins

- **Solution**

- Drug Take back Bins remain the best way to remove unused medications, but there's a lack of options. There's none in Wards 1 and 8. Drug Bins are sporadically placed around the city, causing confusion among DC residents and healthcare disparities.

- **Policy Change**

- Institute more Drug Take Back Bins in DC by mandating all police stations and fire stations to have Drug Take Back Bins. This will help DC seniors, parents with teenage children and families of recently passed medication users to rid homes of unused medications



# Drug Take Back Bins

- **Cost/Funding**

- Inmar quotes each consumer drug take back bin to be \$1,600 annually. There are 90 total Police and Fire/EMS stations in DC. Total costs approximate to \$150,000. Source of funding can be from Opioid Abatement Commission funds.

- **Opportunity for Collaboration**

- Marketing and Organizational Partnerships. DAAC, APhA, WDCPhA, NPhA, AARP. Increased involvement from Rep Oye Team.





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*Family Treatment Court  
Program*

**Office of Attorney General  
Family Services Division**

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**



**FAMILY TREATMENT COURT**



# PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

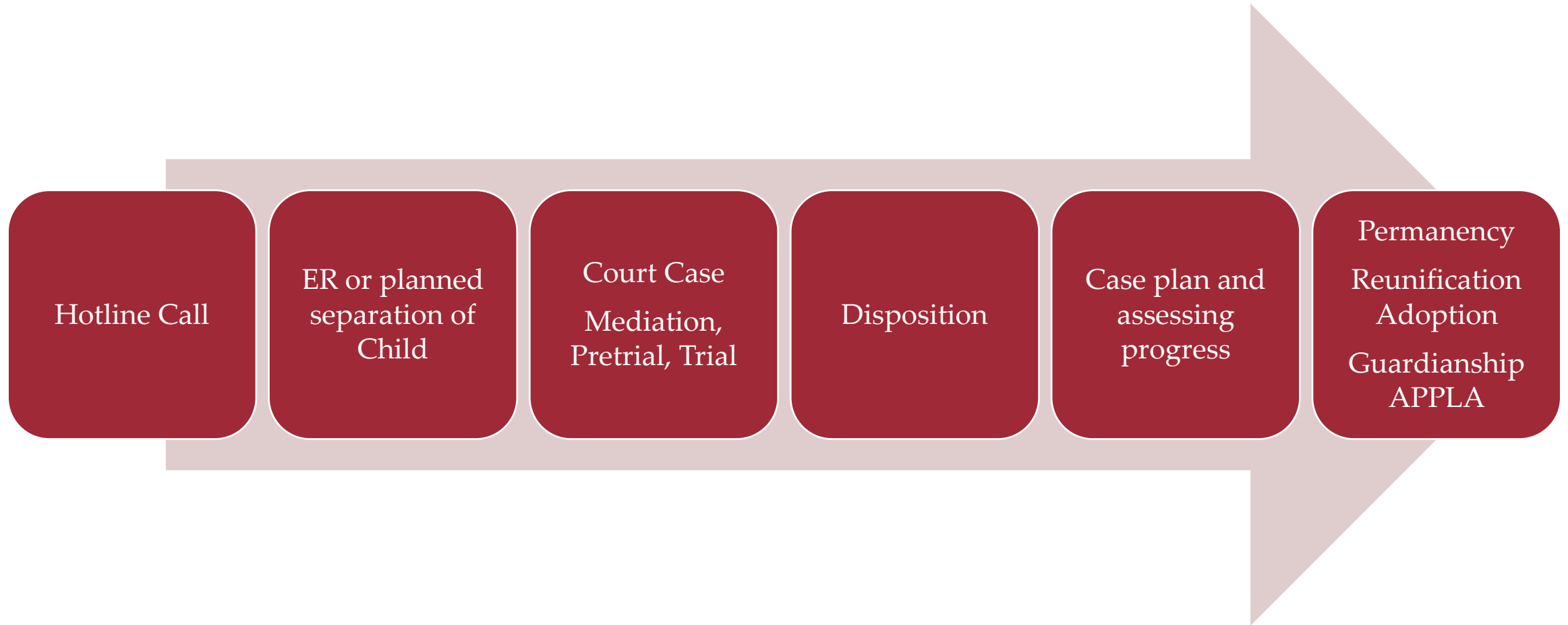
- ❖ Overview of Child Abuse & Neglect Cases
- ❖ FTC Eligibility
- ❖ FTC Program Structure

# WHAT IS FAMILY TREATMENT COURT?

The Family Treatment Court (FTC) is a reunification program that supports parents and legal caretakers with substance use disorders to achieve and maintain sobriety and safely and promptly reunify with their children.

FTC is a voluntary five-phase program that is expected to be completed in approximately 12 to 15 months.

# Life of a Neglect & Abuse Case



# FTC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Parent must be 18 years old or older.
- ✓ Parent must be party to a neglect case.
- ✓ Parent must agree to enter FTC within 180 days of their child's separation or if there is no separation, within 180 days of the initial court hearing. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.
- ✓ Parent must have a substance-use related disorder and acknowledge that substance use affects their parenting.
- ✓ The permanency goal must be reunification.
- ✓ Parent must be recommended for SUD treatment and agree to enter treatment.

# FTC PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- ❖ Supportive environment of people facing similar challenges with substance use disorder
  - ❖ group hearings where all participants engage
  - ❖ individual review hearings with the judge
  - ❖ FTC peer mentors
  - ❖ FTC Resource Development Specialist
- ❖ Client-centered workshops
- ❖ Random drug testing
- ❖ Incentives – praise and acknowledgements, certificates, gift cards, reduced testing, phase completion
- ❖ Access to needed evaluations and services for substance use, domestic violence, and mental health
- ❖ Routine staffings of every case by the FTC team
- ❖ Teaming between FTC team and the family's social worker

# FTC PHASE STRUCTURE

There are 5 phases in FTC. The duration for each phase is the minimum amount time for each phase.

## **PHASE I: Engagement**

Objective: Engage in treatment and begin to develop a healthy, drug-free life

Duration: 30 days

## **PHASE II: Commitment to Recovery**

Objective: Continue participation in treatment

Duration: 60 days

## **PHASE III: Strengthening Myself and My Family**

Objective: Integrate recovery into daily life

Duration: 90 days

## **PHASE IV: Family Recovery**

Objective: Continue with sober living and plan for reuse prevention

Duration: 120 days

## **PHASE V: Continuing Care**

Objective: Plan for discharge and sustained recovery

Duration: 90 days



# FTC CHALLENGES

- Use of substances prescribed by doctors or otherwise legal and easily accessible
- Different substances calls for different treatment
- Court timelines vs. realistic recovery timelines
- Consistent staff at treatment programs willing to partner on an ongoing basis
- In-patient treatment programs that accommodate mothers and fathers with children of all ages
- Available housing in neighborhoods away from the people, places, and things that brought the parent to use in the first place
- Supportive environment of people facing similar challenges with substance use disorder (the other side of the coin)

# FTC GROUP HEARINGS

- FTC group hearings are held in-person in courtroom JM-8.
- The Judge leads the group hearing.
- FTC group hearings are scheduled most Wednesdays from 11am to 12pm.
- If a parent or caretaker is in inpatient substance use treatment, they may appear virtually.
- The focus of the hearing is recovery, sobriety and maintenance.
- The parent's individual neglect cases are NOT discussed at the group hearing.

# FTC DRUG TESTING PROTOCOL

- Drug screenings are random.
- Parents are assigned a color when they enter FTC.
- Parents must call the Pre-Trial Services testing line at **202-585-7334 Monday through Saturday.**
- A recording will announce the color of the day. If the parent's color is called, they must test that day.
- If a test is missed, it is assumed to be *positive*.
- If a parent has an emergency or needs to be excused from testing (such as hospitalization, illness, or death of a family member), they must contact the FTC Program Manager on the day of the missed test or within 24 hours of the missed test. They are required to provide proof of the reason for the missed test.
- If they miss a test for any reason, they must test the *next day*. If they miss a test on a Saturday, then they must test on Monday.

## **\* Drug Testing hours:**

**Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:30pm**

**Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm**

*\*Testing is closed for lunch 1:00pm – 2:00pm*

# FAMILY TREATMENT COURT TEAM

**Sherrri Beatty-Arthur**, Presiding Judge – Courtroom JM-8

**Sariah Beatty**, Specialty Court Program Manager: 202-870-3938

**YuVette Russell**, Specialty Court Case Manager: 202-431-1334

**Frances Williams**, FTC Peer Mentor: [Frances.A.Williams@dcsc.gov](mailto:Frances.A.Williams@dcsc.gov)

**Lynette Daniels**, FTC Peer Mentor: [Lynette.Daniels@dcsc.gov](mailto:Lynette.Daniels@dcsc.gov)

**Dorothy Walker**, CFSA SUD Services Supervisor: 202-213-6157

**Karen Rantion**, CFSA FTC Resource Development Specialist: 202-246-4437

**Stefanie Blank**, Assistant Attorney General: 202-409-2822

**James Fleming**, CASA Supervisor: 202-695-3975

The team also includes representatives from CCAN and CLC to represent the parent's and children's interests.



**QUESTIONS?**

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***Recovery High School***

**Dr. Tuere Anne Marshall**

**Alliance for  
Recovery Education**

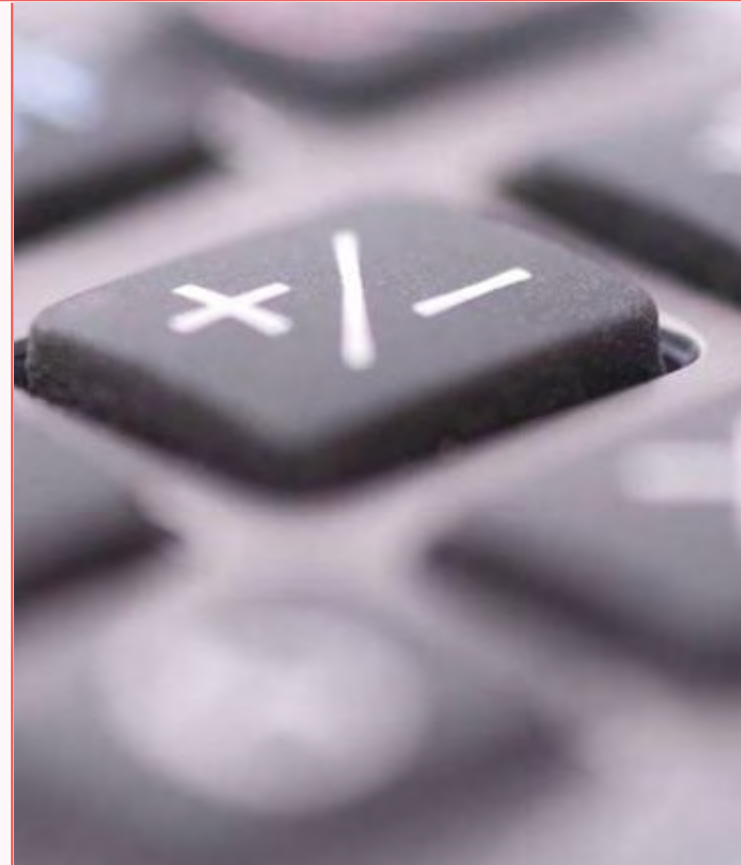


**Washington, D.C.**  
**Recovery High School**

Tuere Anne Marshall. Ed.D.  
Member, Alliance for  
Recovery Education

# Agenda

- Brief History & Mission
- The "Why"
- The "How" -- Plan of Action
- The "Where" -- Anacostia







# Brief History/Mission

"Anonymous People"

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2571226/>

Association of Recovery High School

<https://recoveryschools.org/>.

Created our "Alliance for Recovery High  
School" Initial Efforts



# The "WHY"

**This is an  
idea whose  
time has  
come!  
(from 2014 - 2024)**

# The Why: The Need is Urgent

## Growing awareness: It's a disease

- This is a vulnerable population
- Our Youth are calling. They're addicted earlier
- The statistics in Wards 7 and 8 are clear
- Education: It's the key to . . .
  - Mental, physical, emotional, spiritual, health, employment, generational wealth, creativity . . . and more

## Evidence: Recovery & Education

- Recovery from addiction is a proven **solution** producing productive, tax-paying members of society
- Recovery high schools are in other cities
- Why not DC – the nation's capital?
- Invest in their future now
- The path has been laid . . . Let's go

# The "How" – Plan of Action

## LET'S

- We will operate as an accredited high school
- Design relevant academic programs specifically for students in recovery
- Provide academic services and recovery assistance, post treatment support

## GET

- Require all recovering students to remain sober and working as program of recovery (determined by the school)
- Students will receive credits toward the high school diploma
- Anticipate therapeutic and crisis needs

## STARTED

- Include parental/guardian involvement to exponentially increase success.
- Addiction impact the family.
- Provide wrap-around services, follow through, and individualized attention, as needed.
- Track the success, graduation, college or employment records.





## The "Where"

**We selected the Anacostia section as the site of the first recovery high school for three reasons**

**(1) The need is great.**

**(2) The focus is often elsewhere.**

**(3) Why not?**

# Feeder Organizations & Facilities

- As the Recovery High School will support youth in recovery, we are prepared to reach out to:
  - **D.C. Public School** teachers, counselors, principals, and administrators
  - **Rehabilitation Centers**
  - **Treatment Facilities**
  - **DC Courts** (as alternative options)



# In closing

- 1. Our team is determined and dedicated to support the growth and development of youth who just need a second chance to graduate and become productive members of society.**
- 2. Our team are members and advocates in the field of addiction recovery and are continuing to research feeder options, educators, counselors in anticipation of opening this recovery high school in the Anacostia community of the nation's capital.**

**Thank you  
for supporting our  
youth.**

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# Office of Opioid Abatement: Director's Update

# Opioid Abatement Fund Update

Initiative	Organization	Total Amount Obligated	Status
Prevention Media Campaign	Octane Public Relations	\$500,000.00	Fully Executed on 2/15/24
Expansion of Youth Treatment Services	Children's National Medical Center	\$830,076.00	Fully Executed on 3/13/24
FEMS Overdose (Peer) Response Team	FEMS	\$499,049.11	Fully Executed 4/8/24
Faith-Based Prevention	Centerpoint Baptist Church	\$40,000.00	Fully Executed 4/8/24
	Good Success Christian Church & Ministries	\$40,000.00	Fully Executed 4/8/24
	Care and Progress Community Development	\$40,000.00	Fully Executed 4/9/24
Housing Services for Post-SUD Treatment and Abstinence Based Housing	Samaritan Inns	\$305,640.00	Requisition created 4/17/24

# Opioid Abatement Fund Update

Initiative	Organization	Total Amount Obligated	Status
District of Columbia Prevention Center Youth Prevention Leadership Corps Expansion	Bridging Resources and Communities	\$185,000.00	Fully Executed 7/12/24
	Latin American Youth Center	\$185,000.00	Fully Executed 7/12/24
	National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking	\$185,000.00	Fully Executed 7/12/24
Transformers (East of the River Opioid Abatement Initiative)	Anacostia Coordinating Council	\$444,907.11	Fully Executed 7/12/24
District of Columbia Peer-Operated Center Community Engagement and Workforce Development Enhancement	DC Recovery Community Alliance	\$125,000.00	Pending
	Dreamers and Achievers	\$125,000.00	Pending
	Total Family Care Coalition	\$125,000.00	Pending

# Opioid Abatement Strategic Impact Grant

- ❑ 48 Applications Submitted
- ❑ Applications organized by Behavioral Health Continuum of Care:
  - Prevention= 9
  - Harm Reduction= 9
  - Treatment= 9
  - Recovery= 21
- ❑ 17 grant reviewers split on among 5 panels
- ❑ 5 not recommended for funding
- ❑ 40 grant applications recommended for funding (totaling approximately \$17 million)

# Opioid Abatement Strategic Impact Grant

## □ Next Steps

- Check for funding redundancy among other funding sources (e.g. SOR, SUPTRS or local District dollars).
- Identify top awards (by score) in each behavioral health category until \$7,000,000 ceiling is reached.

# Office of Opioid Abatement

## □ Staffing Updates:

- Due unpredictable timing of securing opioid settlement funds, the previously-posted Office of Opioid Abatement positions, were required to be recoded and reposted as term positions.
- Currently in the interview process for the Grants Management Specialist Position.
- Newly hired Staff Assistant of the Office of Opioid Abatement: Lakeita Rudder.



# UNFINISHED BUSINESS





# PUBLIC COMMENTS

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**THANK YOU!**

**LET'S WORK  
TOGETHER AND SAVE  
LIVES!**