### Why participate in Family Drug Court?

Children of all ages suffer when a parent abuses drugs or alcohol.

Every child deserves and wants the best parent he or she can have.

The goal of the Franklin Family Drug Court is to treat the entire family by:

- Assisting the parent in his or her recovery
- Addressing the needs of the child and caregiver
- Removing the stigma of addiction

The Franklin Family Drug Court offers services for families struggling with substance use disorder.

### For More Information, Please Contact:

#### Franklin County Justice Center

43 Hope Street Greenfield MA 01301

The Court Service Center (413) 775-7483

The Franklin Probate and Family Court (413) 775-7452

The Franklin/Hampshire Juvenile Court (413) 775-0014



info@opioidtaskforce.org (413) 775-7475.



# Franklin Family Drug Court



Help for families struggling with substance use disorder

### What is substance use disorder?

Substance use disorder is a brain disease that affects behavior. Addiction is not something to be ashamed of. It is a chronic illness that requires long term treatment. It is diagnosable and treatable, just like any other disease.

If substance use disorder affects someone's ability to parent, your family may be eligible.



"The best advice I can give parents is that life is so much better without drugs. It is not an easy or a fast process but it is so worth it. Things will get better."

Molly, Drug Court Graduate
 2 years in recovery

## What should the recovering parent expect?

- Participation in treatment and supportive services under close court supervision
- An individual treatment plan
- Attendance at court sessions approximately every 2 weeks
- Frequent drug and alcohol testing
- Assessment to see if participant qualifies for enhanced services through the MISSION-Hope project (see fact sheet)



## What are the services for children and caregivers?

- Trauma informed assessments and follow up treatment
- Education about the disease model of addiction
- Referrals for resources and supportive services for the caregiver



The Franklin Family
Drug Court is now open
to families with cases in
either the Franklin
Probate and Family
Court or the FranklinHampshire Juvenile
Court