



# Family Treatment Court Spotlight

San Francisco

# Panelists

- Judge Kathleen Kelly (San Francisco Superior Court)
- Jennifer Pasinosky, Family Treatment Court Coordinator
- Alicia McCrary, Program Manager (Homeless Prenatal Program)
- Christina Hernandez, Family Case Manager (Homeless Prenatal Program)
- Marcy Spaulding, Public Health Nurse (DPH, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health)

# The Long Way Home



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<https://youtu.be/eLMvRZ26m2o>

# Our History

- January 2006 – Received grant from CA Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, planning started
- November 2007 – Dependency Drug Court launched... **with one client!**

# Our History

- January 2008 – Partnership with Hamilton Transitional Housing began
- October 2009 – Received 1<sup>st</sup> OJJDP enhancement grant, capacity increased to 20 clients
- 2010 – Local funding secured for case management services
- 2011 – Realignment in California, budget crisis hits the Court



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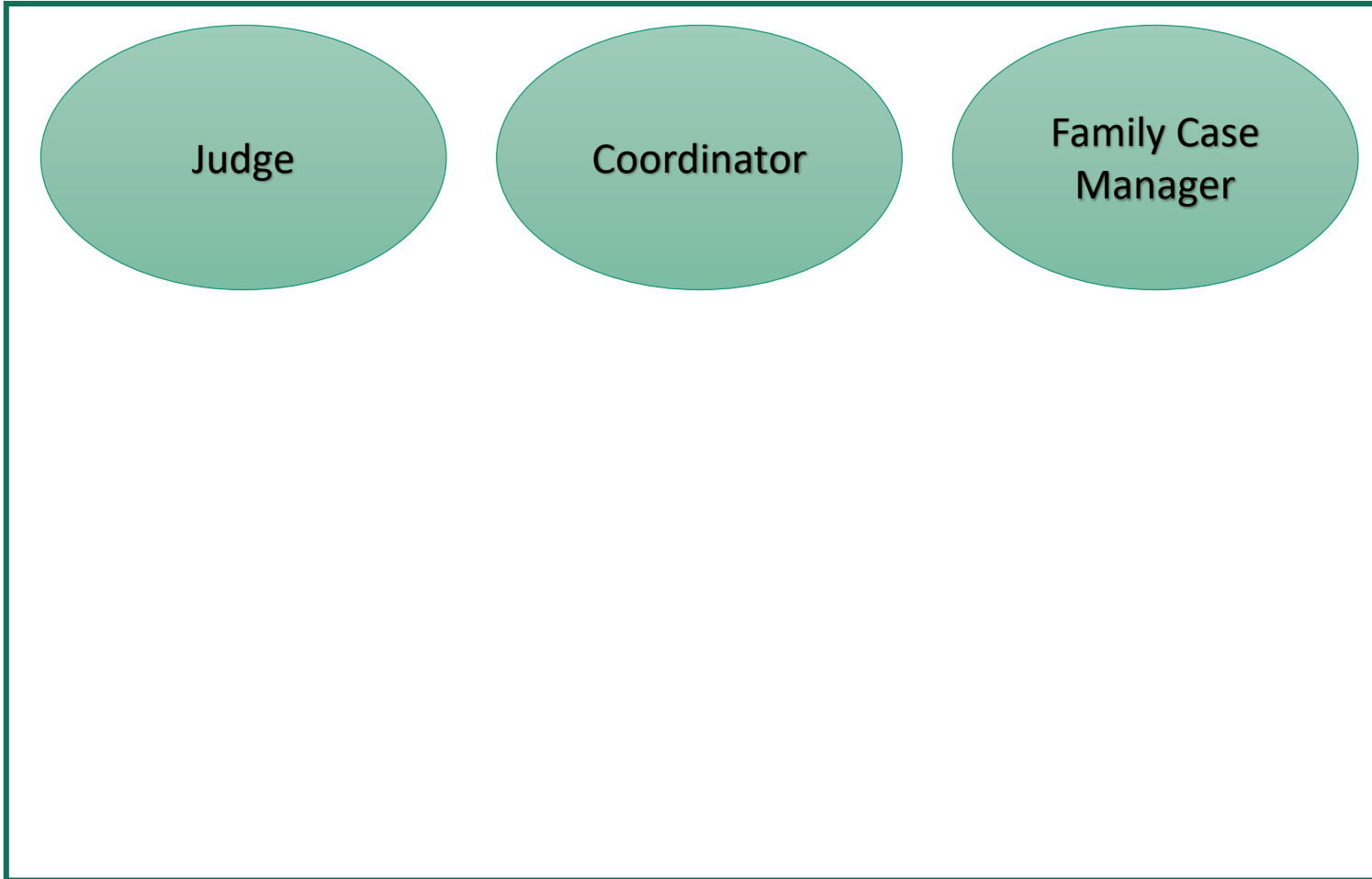
- April 2014 – Selected for Prevention and Family Recovery grant through Children and Family Futures, added new team members
- June 2014 – Added two new team members (Public Health Nurse, Children’s Services Coordinator)
- September 2014 – Case management teams merged, capacity increased to 50 families



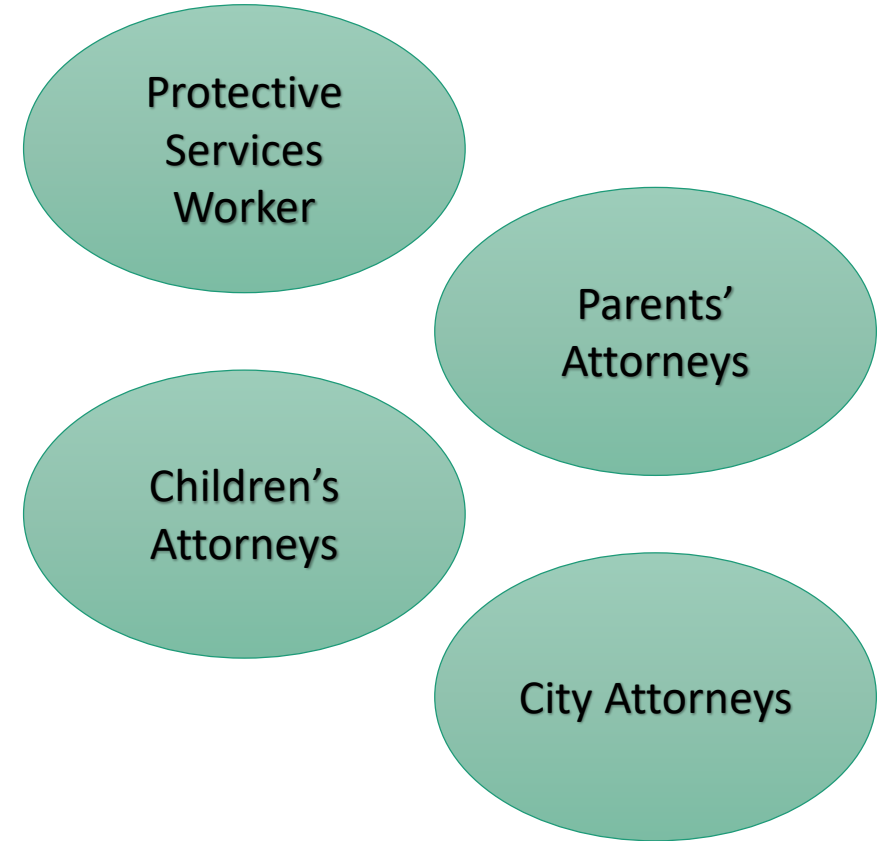
# Our History

- May 2015 – Changed name to “Family Treatment Court”
- June 2016 – Added latest team member (Child Welfare Liaison)
- October 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> OJJDP enhancement grant to provide dyadic therapy to parents and children under 5 years old

## Court Team



## Non-Court Team Members



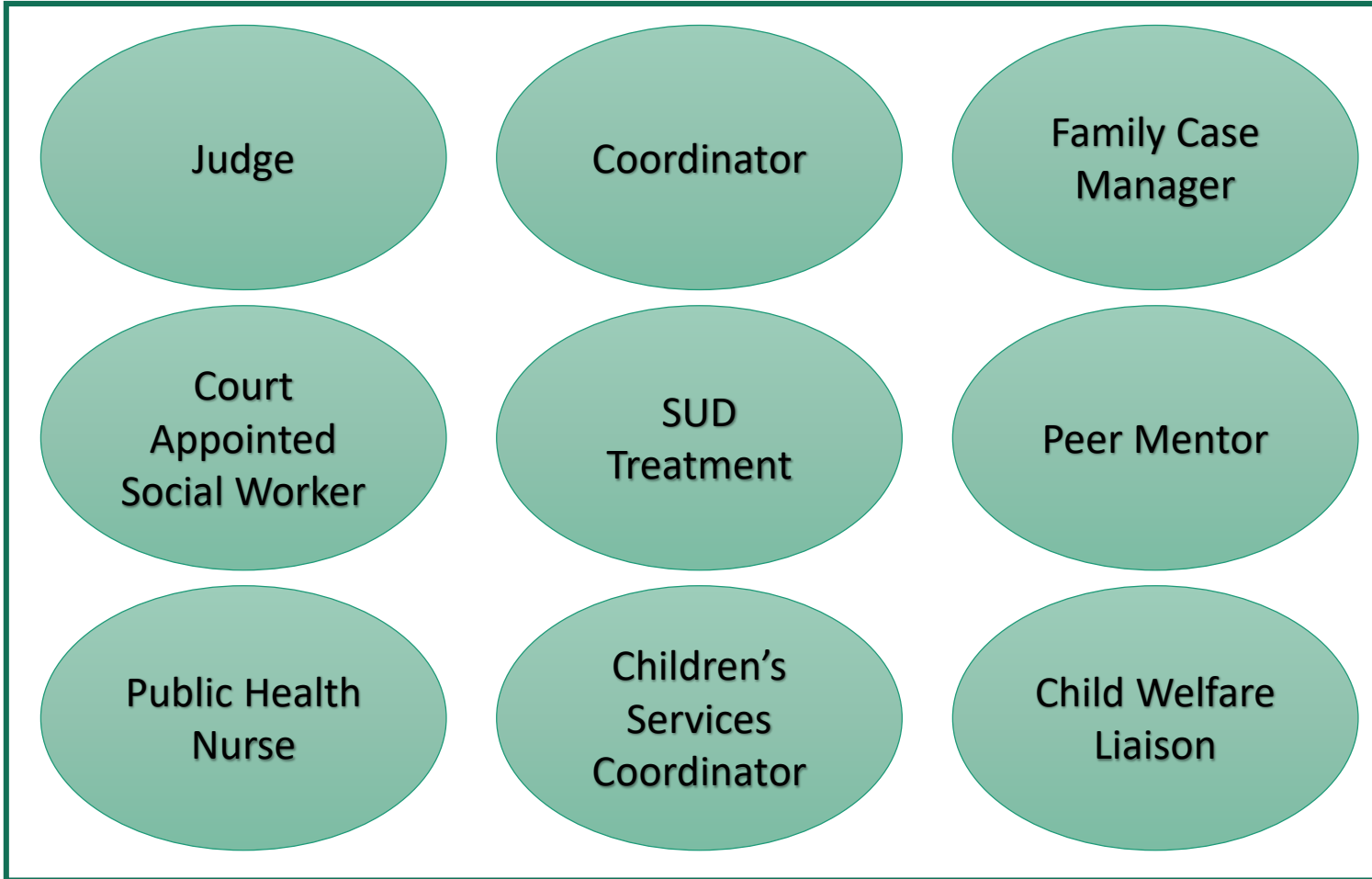


“If you build it  
they will come.”

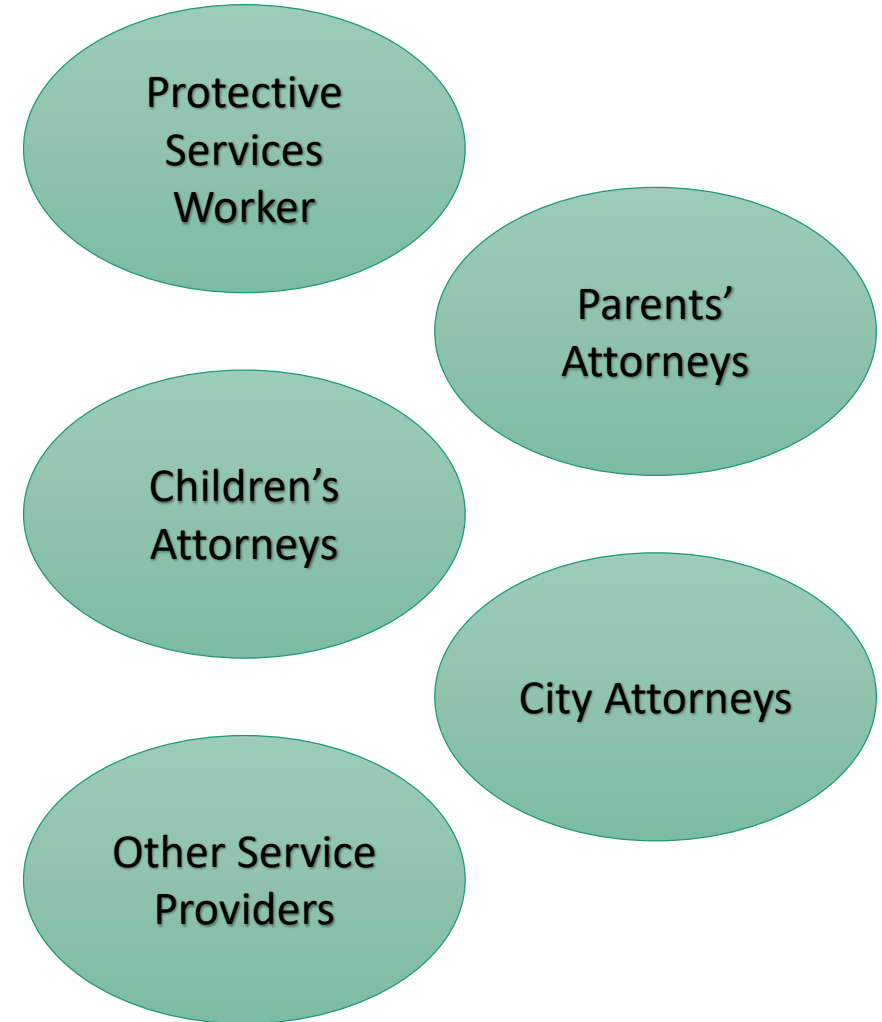




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## Non-Court Team Members



2007

2008

2012

2014

2016

# Key Services

- Intensive Case Management
- SafeCare (all families with children 0-5 years old)
- Peer Support
- Child-Parent Psychotherapy
- Housing
- **Coordinated case planning!**



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# Governance

- Core Team meets twice per month
- Steering Committee meets every other month
- Oversight Committee meets as needed



# Cross-systems Collaboration

Family Treatment Courts  
provide the contained  
infrastructure to  
incubate and pilot  
new ideas





- ASAM Criteria
- Family-Centered Treatment Collaborative
- North Carolina Family Assessment Scales (NCFAS)
- Plans of Safe Care
- Drug Medi-Cal Implementation
- Peer Recovery Support



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# Clients Served

## Since July 2014

189 Parents

246 Children

163 Families

73% Female

27% Male



# Primary Drug of Choice

45% Amphetamines

20% Alcohol

19% Opiates

9% Cocaine

7% Other

# Exit Status

39%	Successful Termination
35%	Court-discharged
20%	Self-discharged
6%	Other



# Children

## Age

35% 0-1 years

33% 1-5 years

25% 6-12 years

7% 12-17 years

## Gender

53% Male

47% Female



# Placement Status at Entry

24% In home

76% Out of home



# Child Welfare Outcomes

Slide in progress

# Lessons Learned

- Incremental progress is better than no progress
- A cross-systems approach requires cross-systems representation
- “Warm hand off” works better when there is deep knowledge and collaboration between partners
- Data outcomes are important, but so are process outcomes
- Role clarification is crucial. Spread the responsibility around.



# Q & A

