

# Early Childhood Court

A child welfare problem-solving court serving children aged 0-3 & their families.



## Eligibility

- At least one child is 0- 36 months at the time of removal.
- At least one parent must be willing and able to participate in treatment services and family time visitation.
- **Disqualifier:** the shelter petition cites Florida Statutes 39.806(1)(b)-(d)(f)-(n), which are the grounds for expedited termination of parental rights (TPR).
  - However, if the Department does not file for expedited TPR, the family may be reconsidered for the Program.



## More about ECC

### The Model



### An Outcome



## Getting Started

**Review, discuss, and sign the ECC consent form.**

- Scan the QR Code to view the ECC consent form.
- Be sure to notify your lawyer of your interest in the ECC model.
- Schedule a consultation with the ECC Program Coordinator for your region.
- Sign the consent in the presence of a witness and turn in a copy to your ECC Program Coordinator (this may be done during your consultation).



## What to Expect

A multidisciplinary team will work on your dependency case from start to finish providing guidance and support for the healthy development and safety of your child.

- **Monthly Family Team Meetings**  
Parents and caregivers meet with the multidisciplinary team to address the needs of the children and parents.
- **Monthly Hearings**  
The judge or magistrate hears the case monthly, which leads to swifter progress towards case goals.
- **Timely Services**  
Teamwork leads to tapping into more resources and achieving objectives in a timely fashion.
- **Child-Parent Therapy**  
Participants receive an evidence-based intervention to improve attachment and caregiving capabilities.

## ECC Program Coordinators

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