

# **Family Recovery and Reunification Program**

TASC's Family Recovery and Reunification Program (also known as the Recovery Coach Program) helps parents with alcohol or other drug problems achieve the sobriety and wellness needed to regain custody of their children.

# **Intensive Case Management and Outreach**

TASC recovery coaches work within the community to access a full continuum of services for their clients such as substance abuse or mental health treatment, parenting classes, individual or family counseling, and assistance with stable housing and employment. Proactive case management methods are utilized to engage, retain, promote, monitor, and report client progress.

## **Clinical Assessment and Benefits Identification**

TASC provides in-depth clinical assessments to determine factors associated with clients' substance use, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) involvement, and parenting effectiveness. The analysis includes relevant issues such as parenting style and evidence of trauma, domestic violence, or mental illness. Treatment benefits, for which the client may be eligible, are identified and assistance is provided to help meet benefit mandates and requirements.

## **Recovery Plan**

TASC and clients work together to develop personalized recovery plans. Plans are integrated with DCFS and treatment provider requirements, and goals are created to help clients meet supervisory mandates and progressively advance toward recovery and family reunification.

#### **Outreach and Toxicology Services**

TASC recovery coaches provide an array of intensive outreach services, including:

- Frequent client contact with visits to home, work, and community-based treatment
- On-call services every evening, weekend, and holiday to manage client emergencies
- Community outreach to reengage clients who may have left treatment
- Random drug testing in home, work, or other settings to confirm client compliance

#### **Reporting, Permanency Assessment & Recommendations**

Regular reports are distributed, at least monthly, to monitor client progress and facilitate communication between all involved agencies. Prior to court permanency hearings, recovery coaches assess individual plan results and make recommendations regarding parental progress and child safety.

Family Recovery and Reunification Program services are available in Cook, Madison, and St. Clair counties. For more information contact the appropriate administrator in these TASC offices:

Cook County: (312) 738-8933 Metro East: Belleville (618) 277-0410 Edwardsville (618) 656-7672

The Family Recovery and Reunification Program focuses on parental habilitation in cases where DCFS has suspended child custody for abuse or neglect. Based on a random assignment as part of the federal IV E waiver, only certain cases are eligible. Clients must not be incarcerated at the time of assessment and referral, and they must have a new or add-on placement case opened with DCFS on or after April 28, 2000.

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TASC, Inc. is a statewide, independent, not-for-profit agency that provides clinical case management and other services to men, women and adolescents with a variety of social and health-related needs.

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