

# COURT SERVICES

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Review case scenario



Identify key words / phrases / issues



Analyse training scenario to link with appropriate court services referrals



Brief overview of relevant court services

**JOHNSON  
FAMILY**

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Substance use

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Substance exposed newborn

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Domestic Violence

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Trauma histories

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Placement disagreement

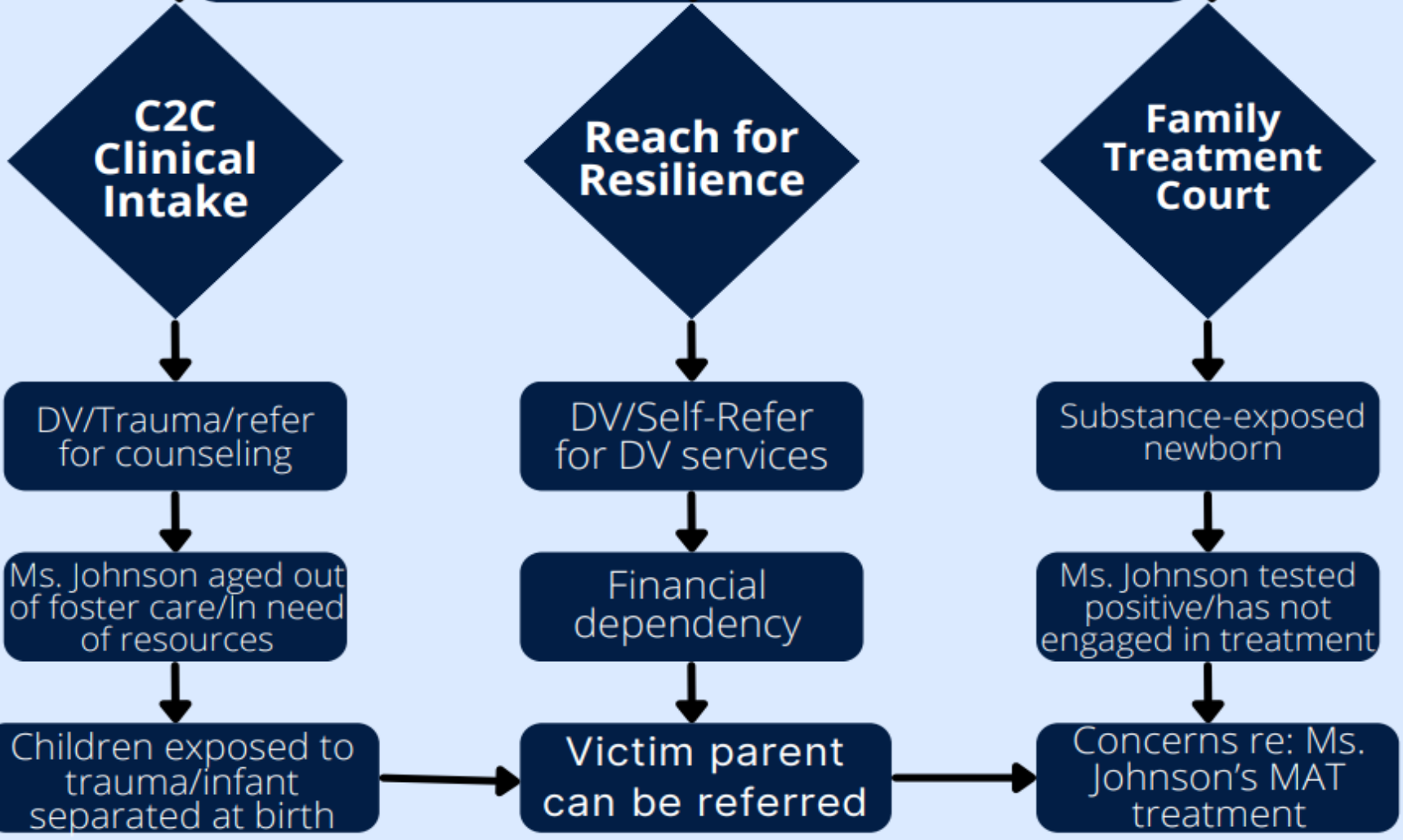
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Housing and other resource needs

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Financial needs

Parental substance use, newborn with substance exposure in utero, domestic violence and trauma. Referrals have reportedly been made for services but it is unclear if parents are participating in services. Parents have been asked to self-refer for domestic violence/individual counseling. Children ages: newborn, 3, 8 - unclear what services children are receiving





## C2C CLINICAL SERVICES

C2C CHILD WELFARE CENTER

Resource Connection and Navigation

Family Time Coaching

Individual Trauma Therapy (Parent)

Clinical Assessment and Child Parent Psychotherapy

Parents are referred but services are designed to meet the needs of the family. C2C services are BOTH: services for parents and services for the children

## **C2C CLINICAL SERVICES**

### **Resource Connection and Navigation**

- Connecting families to services and resources in their communities to stabilize environments
- Work with parents on-going throughout their case
- Community Connection Plan

### **Family Time Coaching**

- Parenting Service that provides in the moment coaching and mentoring to increase parents' ability to provide safe, stable, nurturing parenting

# C2C CLINICAL SERVICES CHILD PARENT PSYCHOTHERAPY

## Infant and early childhood mental health:

- Focus on social-emotional development
- Healing occurs within the context of a relationship
- Babies come into the world with a capacity for a rich emotional life
- As a baby grows through infancy, toddlerhood and the preschool years, each experience –positive or negative –becomes a building block for their future wellness

## Assessment

- Assessment of the parent's perception of the child and their relationship
- Screen for trauma and trauma symptoms for the parent
- Screen for trauma and trauma symptoms for the child
- Developmental screen
- Observation of child and caregivers
- Assessing for parent and child readiness for therapy

## Dyadic, relational intervention to assist young children:

- Experience, regulate and express emotion
- Form close and secure relationships/repair relationships
- Explore the environment and experience caregiver as someone who is safe, can meet their needs and protect them
- Process trauma they have experienced within the context of their relationship with their parent/caregiver to assist with healing

## Assists parents and caregivers to:

- Understand and appropriately respond to the child's needs, cues and bids for attention
- Learn to co-regulate and assist the child with regulation
- Creating trust, security and safety in the relationship
- Understand their role as a supportive, nurturing and protective caregiver

# C2C CLINICAL SERVICES INDIVIDUAL TRAUMA THERAPY

Trauma therapy should be held weekly as one of the key interventions in trauma therapy is building trust in the therapeutic relationship

Trauma therapy is a therapeutic process and has several phases to treatment

- Building trust and rapport in the therapeutic relationship
- Building a sense of safety in self and in the therapeutic relationship
- Psycho-education on trauma, responses to trauma, and how trauma affects functioning
- Gaining an understanding of triggers to trauma and individual responses to past trauma (somatic, cognitive, physical, mental etc)
- Building, learning and practicing new skills (coping skills, regulation skills, dual awareness of present and past, etc)
- Once skills are developed for coping and regulating then processing of past events can occur if needed
- Integrating changes and creating new templates for the future

The beginning phases ARE trauma work – one of the most significant interventions in trauma work is building a trusting, safe relationship between the parent and the therapist.

Each individual heals at their own pace and in their own timeframe – the system/therapist/others cannot dictate or decide the pace or timeframe for someone else.

There are several appropriate interventions for trauma work, a therapist should be trained in treating trauma with the ability to assess each client and determine which intervention is most appropriate for each individual client.



# C2C CLINICAL INTAKE REFERRAL

Judge makes the referral on the record during the hearing

- DCS Specialist, attorney, parent can ask the Judge for the referral during a hearing
- Parents cannot self-referral

Criteria:

- At least one child under the age of 4
- Parent must be able to have contact with child
- Case plan should be Family Reunification at the time of referral

C2C Notification:

- C2C Clinical director is not automatically notified
- Judge or JA will need to email Clinical Director with parent name and JD number to: [Nicole.Roskens@jbazmc.maricopa.gov](mailto:Nicole.Roskens@jbazmc.maricopa.gov)
- Clinical Director then reaches out to DCS or attorney for parent contact information

# REACH FOR RESILIENCE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

R4R program works with parents in dependency cases who are victims of domestic violence

R4R Supervisor identifies cases that meet the grant criteria for the program

Program Specialist contacts parent, begins engagement, gathers information and schedules a meeting with the parent; then identifies team members for the family

Collaborative staffing held to identify/discuss barriers/solutions, build on strengths, ensure family's voice is heard and increase communication/collaboration of team members/systems/providers in support of meeting the needs of the family





# FAMILY TREATMENT COURT

FTC is a voluntary program that follows a drug court model, providing support and accountability to parents during their substance treatment to increase success in sobriety

Works with parents who have an open dependency case and a history of substance abuse, who are willing to participate in substance treatment/UA testing

FTC provides parents with:

- Support
- Treatment accountability
- Acknowledgement
- Rewards

FTC collaborates with other providers working with the family to enhance and support communication

The FTC team can be reached for questions or referrals by email at: [FTC2@jbazmc.Maricopa.gov](mailto:FTC2@jbazmc.Maricopa.gov)

Parents have a history of substance use with infant born exposed to opiates, alleged domestic violence, eviction, Ms. Johnson does not have an employment history. Unclear if kinship placements have been assessed. Unclear if services have been referred or started

**Community Coordinator**

Lack of Info/Communication issues

Delay in services

Unknown results of kinship assessments

**Mediation**

DV/Self-Refer for DV services

Issues around placement

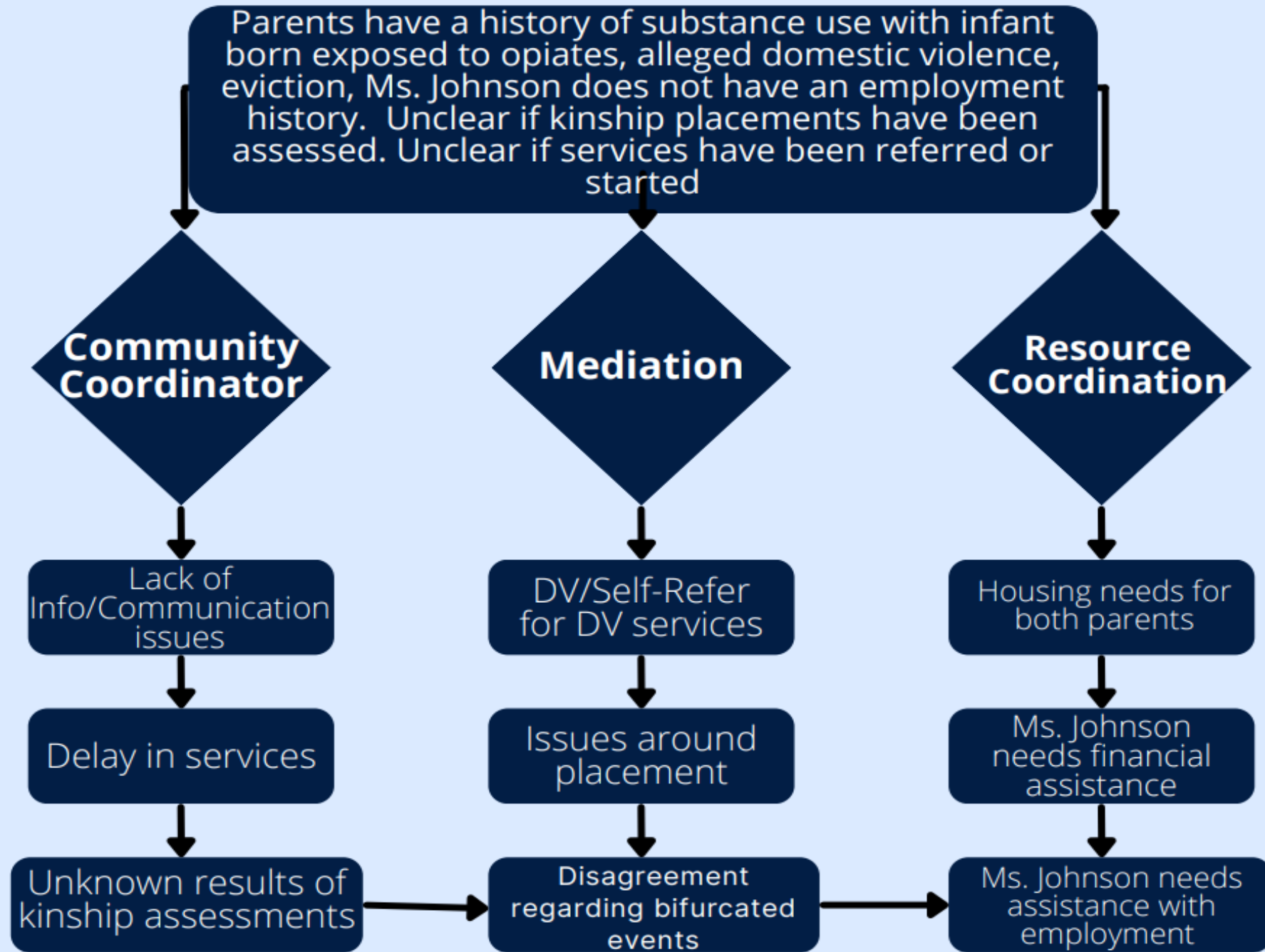
Disagreement regarding bifurcated events

**Resource Coordination**

Housing needs for both parents

Ms. Johnson needs financial assistance

Ms. Johnson needs assistance with employment



# DEPENDENCY SERVICES

Preliminary Protective Conferences

Dependency Mediations

Community Coordination

Resource Coordination

Expedited Permanency Process

# DEPENDENCY SERVICES

## Community Coordination

- Referred to resolve identified barriers to reunification services provision for the child and family
- Serve as an independent information source for the Bench
- Report timely, accurate information to the Court via memoranda uploaded in JAX
- [CommunityCoordinatorReferrals@jbazmc.maricopa.gov](mailto:CommunityCoordinatorReferrals@jbazmc.maricopa.gov)

## Mediation

- Confidential, non-adversarial venue
- Excellent venue to discuss ongoing safety (Safety Framework)
- Available on-demand and/or throughout the case
- [MediationReferral@jbazmc.maricopa.gov](mailto:MediationReferral@jbazmc.maricopa.gov)

## Resource Coordination

- Work directly with parents via phone, email, or in-person
- Referred by the Bench, requested by Bar, self-referral
- May attend PPCs, mediation and staffing (may co-facilitate)
- [Resource\\_Coordination@jbazmc.maricopa.gov](mailto:Resource_Coordination@jbazmc.maricopa.gov)

## COURT SERVICES STRIVE TO:

Be trauma-informed and responsive

Create a calm, compassionate environment with a healing not punitive approach

Engage and value parents

Ensure services/supports are identified/available to meet the unique needs of each family

Understand effects of complex trauma (parents and children)

Understand how trauma affects parent's ability to complete tasks of daily living

Respond to the needs of the family and the trauma experienced so the parent can provide a safe, stable environment

Recognizes resiliency

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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