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Tarrant County Awarded SAMHSA FY 2017 Family Drug Treatment Court Grant to Help 200 Families Achieve Reunification

FORT WORTH, TX, AUGUST 28, 2017: Tarrant County, through the 323rd District Court’s Family Drug Court Program, has been selected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to receive one of 15 Family Drug Treatment Court grants awarded nationally. This five-year grant will provide enhanced behavioral health services for 200 Tarrant County Drug Court participants by creating the Family Recovery Project.

The Family Recovery Project will focus on family-centered initiatives designed to build nurturing parenting skills as alternatives to abusive and neglectful child-rearing practices and address issues of intergenerational trauma. The grant will also provide a continuum of recovery-oriented treatment options, trauma resolution options, multi-disciplinary approaches and early childhood services to participants and their children.

Tarrant County will partner with My Health, My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County and Challenge of Tarrant County to operate the program.

Family Drug Court is a program that offers participants the resources, support and judicial accountability needed to recover from substance use disorders and rebuild safe and supportive homes for their children.

ABOUT CHALLENGE: Founded in 1984, Challenge of Tarrant County is a non-profit based in Fort Worth, TX, that is dedicated to confronting substance abuse by identifying needs, educating the community, mobilizing resources, promoting collaboration, and advocating for sound public policy. In addition to HHSC funded coalitions, Challenge is also host to a SAMSHA Drug-Free Community program based in the City of Arlington and manages Tarrant County’s Family Drug Court. For more information on Challenge, or to become involved with a coalition, visit the agency website at www.challengetc.org.

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