

SUPPORT FOR YOUR FDAC

In April 2019, the Family Drug and Alcohol Court (FDAC) national partnership was launched by the Centre for Justice Innovation to strengthen, expand and champion the FDAC approach. The partnership is funded to support FDACs across England and Wales, including as the delivery partner for FDACs funded under the Department for Education's *Supporting Families, Investing in Practice (SFIP)* programme.

How can we help you?

Set up advice to new FDAC sites

For areas that are seeking to create a new FDAC service, we provide set up advice and support. This will include:

- **Induction training:** Holistic three-day training for the multi-disciplinary teams and judges at the end of the set-up period.
- **Set-up mentoring:** Pairing new FDAC service managers with an experienced FDAC practitioner to provide advice and support.

For areas funded by the SFIP programme, we can additionally provide up to six days' intensive set up support for free, tailored to your needs. This can include arranging site visits to existing FDACs, attending steering groups to give presentations and providing more specific guidance and support about elements of the FDAC model.

For areas not funded by the SFIP programme seeking to set up an FDAC, we can provide up to three day's light-touch support for free, tailored to your needs.

Practice support to existing FDAC sites

For existing FDACs, we provide ongoing practice support. This will include:

- **Clinical advice:** Sharing expertise and answering queries from clinical leads or team members.
- **Peer mentoring:** Creating a peer mentoring system, so all FDAC service managers across the country can support each other as they develop their FDACs.
- **Data collection & analysis:** Centralised data collection and regular publishing of FDAC statistics and analysis.

For existing FDAC areas funded by the SFIP programme, we can additionally provide up to three days' intensive set up support for free, tailored to your needs, to help you expand or adapt your practice.

FDAC community of practice

All FDAC areas can also benefit from being members of our FDAC community of practice. This free membership gives FDAC areas access to:

- **Shared national guidance:** A wealth of helpful documents – from service standards to job descriptions – are available to all sites.

- **Service Manager Forums:** Two per annum providing an opportunity to work through issues and share good practice.
- **Judges' Networking Day:** Annual forum for practicing and interested FDAC judges.
- **National Symposium:** Annual one-day conference drawing together practitioners, advocates and policy-makers with an interest in FDAC.
- **Family Justice Bulletin:** Quarterly bulletin sharing FDAC updates and innovative practice across the family justice and child protection system. You can sign up to the bulletin [here](#).

Family justice innovation

The Centre for Justice Innovation is interested in exploring innovation in family justice more widely. We are keen to support local authorities to respond to particular issues or ideas that you have identified in your local area. This might, for example, involve prototyping a problem-solving court for domestic abuse or neglect, based on FDAC principles.

Contact us

Please visit our website to find introductory information on FDAC here:

<https://www.justiceinnovation.org/areas-of-focus/family-drug-and-alcohol-courts>

For areas thinking about starting an FDAC, please see the FDAC “Getting Started” Manual here:

<https://justiceinnovation.org/publications/setting-fdac>

To talk to us about our support or on wider family justice innovation, please contact Phillippa Heath Philpotts, Family Justice Manager at: pheathphilpotts@justiceinnovation.org or Clare Kavanagh, Family Justice Administrative Coordinator at ckavanagh@justiceinnovation.org

About the FDAC national partnership

The FDAC national partnership is led by Centre for Justice Innovation. The partner organisations are: RyanTunnardBrown (consultants who were members of the research team evaluating FDAC), Phoenix Horizon LTD (a consultant who is experienced in developing and managing FDAC services) and the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust (provider of FDAC specialist teams and clinical experts). The FDAC national partnership builds on the work of the former FDAC National Unit (2015-2018).