

GREENE COUNTY: R2R

Road to Reunification is a court ordered educational program intended to provide parents with a comprehensive understanding of the juvenile court process, roles and responsibilities, treatment plans, and visitation with their children.

The court process can be very intimidating and it is important to approach parents with that understanding. Having sensitivity and vision into the needs of parents is crucial in order for the preservation process to take place. Providing education to parents is one of those needs.

OBJECTIVES

Broadening parental understanding of the juvenile court process as it applies to abuse and neglect, explaining what role the parent will play throughout their case and clearly defining what is expected of them, to expand upon the roles and responsibilities of all family support team members, provide a general outline of treatment plans, and to provide a brief outline of concepts specific to positive parent-child interaction.

FAMILIES SERVED

The parents of children that are currently under the jurisdiction of the Greene County Juvenile Court based on court finding of abuse or neglect are referred to the R2R program. R2R is also made available to parents that are incarcerated or reside out of area.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The program is taught to parents at the Greene County Juvenile Office. Parents are provided a handout of the powerpoint presentation, a glossary of terms specific to the handout, and a certificate of completion. The program lasts one hour and is taught by Officers in the Abuse & Neglect Unit. Evaluation instruments are provided to parents at the end of the class to measure program goals and objectives.

REPLICATION

R2R is adaptable, transferable and sustainable. In the State of Missouri, the 13th, 23rd, 25th, and 35th Circuits are currently in varying stages of design and implementation. The curriculum and materials used to facilitate the class is available to everyone.

What parents have found most helpful.

- * “how to participate in my children’s life even with them out of my care.”
- * “it was nice to have a timeline of how events happen when involved in this court process.”
- * “finding out what each FST person is supposed to be doing.”
- * “I got an understanding of the whole system and how it works.”

How parents would improve the class.

- * “be able to ask and receive more in depth questions/answers.”
- * “Do the classes earlier in the case.”
- * “The class is too short for the amount of information provided.”
- * “Make it at a time when working parents don’t have to miss work.”

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