

**Family**

**Involved**

**Rehabilitation &**

**Services**

**Track**

**Court**

The goal of FIRST Court is to return your children to you and to have your voice heard in the process.



# What is FIRST Court?



*A guide for beginning  
the court process*



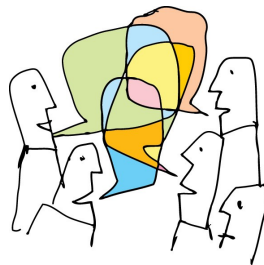
## WHAT IS FIRST COURT?

FIRST Court cases with Judge Crnkovich are different from most court cases. Along with other families, you were randomly selected for FIRST Court and will be working with attorneys who chose to work here.

Your case will remain in FIRST Court until it is closed.

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

You will attend monthly hearings called Court Team Meetings, where everyone (including the judge) will review your progress and talk with you about how things are going.



Your children should attend Court Team Meetings as much as possible.

Your family will receive Family Finding, which is a program that helps engage family and kin to provide support to you and your children.

You will leave with an order from the Judge telling you the 3 most important things to focus on for your next hearing.

## HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR COURT TEAM MEETINGS?

You should invite supportive people to attend. You can also bring anyone who can talk about your progress.



## WHAT HAPPENS AT A COURT TEAM MEETING?

You will fill out a Self-Assessment with your caseworker, which helps you tell the Judge how you are doing. Meetings will start by talking about the Assessment.

The team will talk about how your children are doing and what services are needed.