

YOUR DEPENDENCY WELLNESS COURT TEAM

- » **A Judge**
- » **Your Social Worker**
- » **A Social Worker** who is a connection between the court and your Social Worker
- » **A Mentor Parent** who has been through the child welfare system and can help support and guide you
- » **A Coordinator** coordinates the DWC court reviews and related meetings
- » **An Assessor** who will help you decide what type of drug treatment is best for you
- » **A Domestic Violence and Trauma Specialist**
- » **A Child Advocate (CASA)** who helps both you and your child
- » **A Case Manager** assists with parent resources
- » **An Eligibility Worker** who can help you find out what benefits you qualify for
- » **Parents' (your) Attorneys**
- » **Children's (your child's) Attorneys**
- » **Attorney** from the Department of Family and Children's Services
- » **An Adult Mental Health Liaison**
- » **Other people** who may work closer with your team, including:
 - » A Drug Treatment Counselor
 - » A Parent Therapist
 - » A Home Visitor
 - » A Public Health Nurse
 - » A Children's Mental Health Specialist



Dependency Wellness Court is part of the Juvenile Dependency Court and is located at:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER COURTHOUSE
201 N. FIRST STREET
SAN JOSÉ, CA 95113

The mailing address for the Superior Court, including Dependency Wellness Court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
DEPENDENCY WELLNESS COURT
191 N. FIRST STREET
SAN JOSÉ, CA 95113

Santa Clara County Dependency Wellness Court





You are surrounded by a team of caring people and community services to support you.

WHAT IS THE DEPENDENCY WELLNESS COURT?

The Dependency Wellness Court is a program designed to support parents with:

- » Getting clean and sober
- » Addressing issues that brought them to the court
- » Making sure their children get the services they need
- » Living happier and healthier lives

WHY ARE YOU IN DEPENDENCY WELLNESS COURT?

You are part of the solution! As a parent, we want you to help us understand and support you and your children so you can grow and thrive as a family.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

In order to enroll in DWC, contact your attorney or Mentor Parent.

In DWC, you will get support from an entire team of people who want to see you succeed and reunify with your child. They will give you advice, be there to listen and help you get connected to services in your case plan and in the community.

You will have a Mentor Parent who will support you in your recovery and in getting through the court and child welfare systems. As someone who has been in your shoes before, your mentor parent understands what you are going through.

You will have help getting into drug treatment so that you can learn to be a clean and sober parent.

If you have a child under the age of six, you will have a Public Health Nurse who will help you stay connected with your child and make sure your child gets all the services he or she needs.



**“What is the greatest gift a parent can give their child?
A happy and healthy parent.”**

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED?

- » Believe in yourself. You can do it.
- » Read and follow the instructions you will be given.
- » Come to all your Dependency and Dependency Wellness Court hearings.
- » Stay in your treatment program, even when it gets hard.
- » Be honest with the team. We cannot help you unless we know what's really going on.
- » Follow through with your case plan requirements, including drug testing when asked.