Eligibility

- At least one child is 0-36 months at the time of removal.
- At least one parent must be willing and able to participate in treatment services and family time visitation.
- <u>Disqualifier:</u> the shelter petition cites Florida Statutes 39.806(1)(b)-{d){f}-{n}, which are the grounds for expedited termination of parental rights (TPR).
 - However, if the Department does not file for expedited TPR, the family can be reconsidered for the Program.





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2nd Judicial Circuit

ECC

Early Childhood Court



A child welfare problem-solving court serving children aged zero to three and their families.

Getting Started

Review, discuss, and sign the ECC consent form.

- Scan the QR Code to view the ECC consent form.
- Be sure to notify your lawyer of your interest in the ECC model.
- Schedule a consultation with the ECC Program Coordinator for your region.
- Sign the consent in the presence of a witness and turn in a copy to your ECC Program Coordinator (this may be done during your consultation).



What to Expect

A multidisciplinary team will work on your dependency case from start to finish providing guidance and support for the healthy development and safety of your child.



Monthly Family Team Meetings

Parents and caregivers meet with the multidisciplinary team to address the needs of the children and parents.



Monthly Hearings

The judge or magistrate hears the case monthly, which leads to swifter progress towards case goals.



Timely Services

Teamwork leads to tapping into more resources and achieving objectives in a timely fashion.





Child-Parent Therapy

Participants receive an evidence-based intervention to improve attachment and caregiving capabilities.

More about ECC

The Model





