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# Infant/Toddler Courts: Why and How?

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## Infant/Toddler Courts: Why and How?

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# Agenda

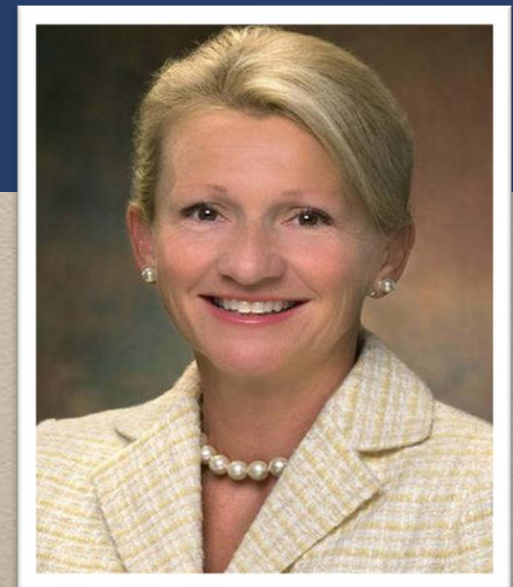
- Define Infant/Toddler Courts
- Overview of Model
- Review Outcomes
- Highlight components of Infant/Toddler Courts in relation to Family Treatment Courts
- Hear from the Field
- Question/Answer Session







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# TN Safe Baby Courts - History



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Davidson  
County pilot  
established with  
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**2016**

Public Chapter 366  
established Coffee,  
Johnson, Knox,  
Madison, and Stewart  
Counties

**2018**

**2017**

Grundy  
County pilot  
established

**2019**

Public Chapter  
383 established  
Anderson,  
Dickson, Henry,  
Jefferson, and  
Rutherford  
Counties

**TCA 37-1-902**

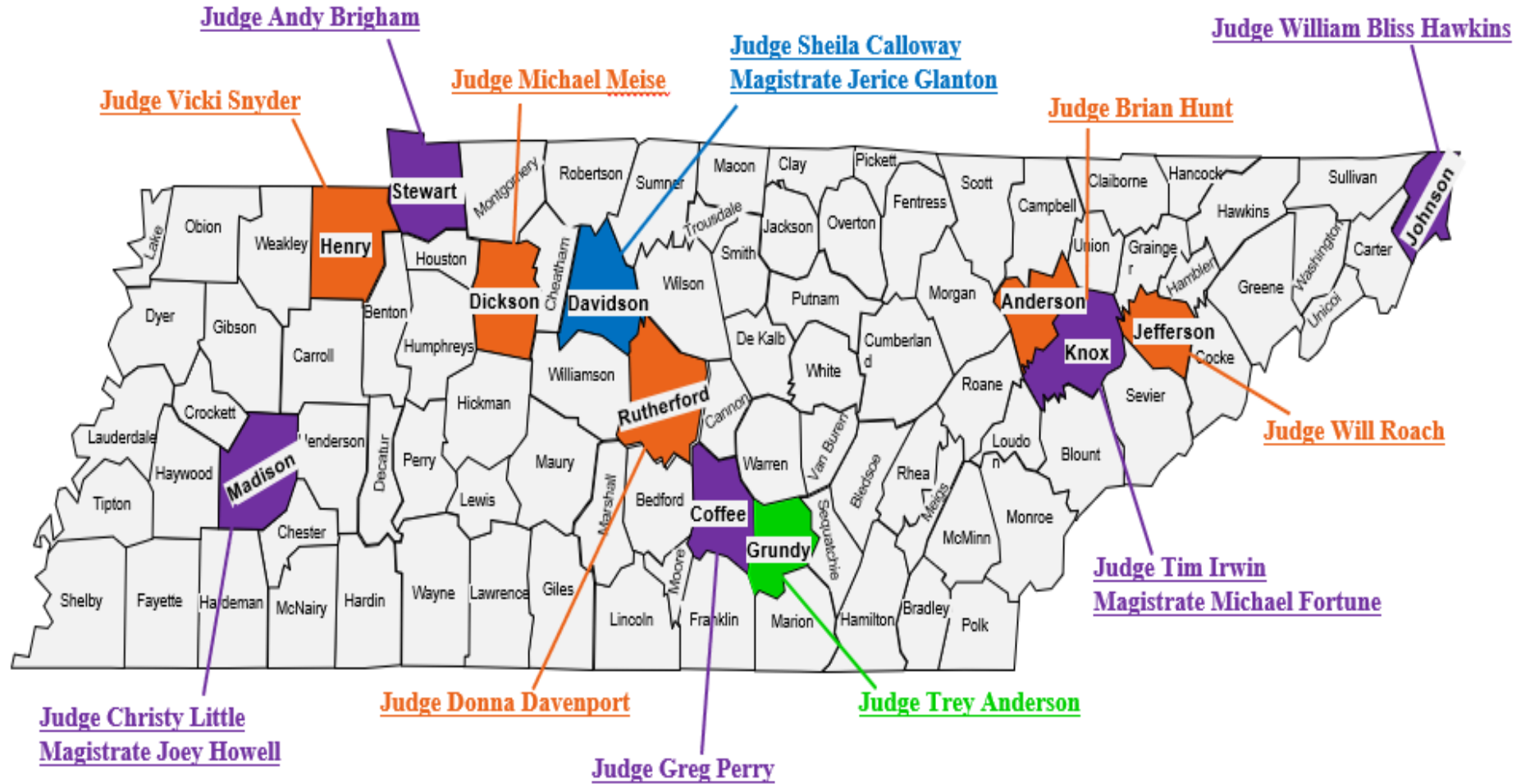
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# Tennessee Safe Baby Courts



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*Tennessee is the first state to put a statewide emphasis on prevention cases in Safe Baby Courts.*

2016: Blue  
2017: Green  
2018: Purple  
2019: Orange



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Heal trauma and repair the parent/child relationship

Improve child safety and well-being

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Prevent children from entering foster care

**Prevention Cases**

**Foster Care Cases**

Promote timely permanency

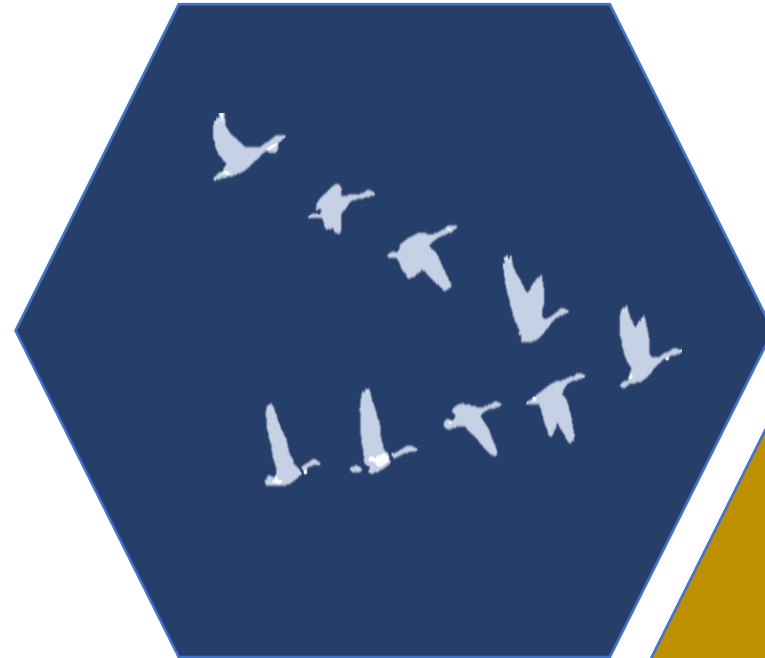
Stop intergenerational cycle of maltreatment



# Synergy of Problem-Solving Courts



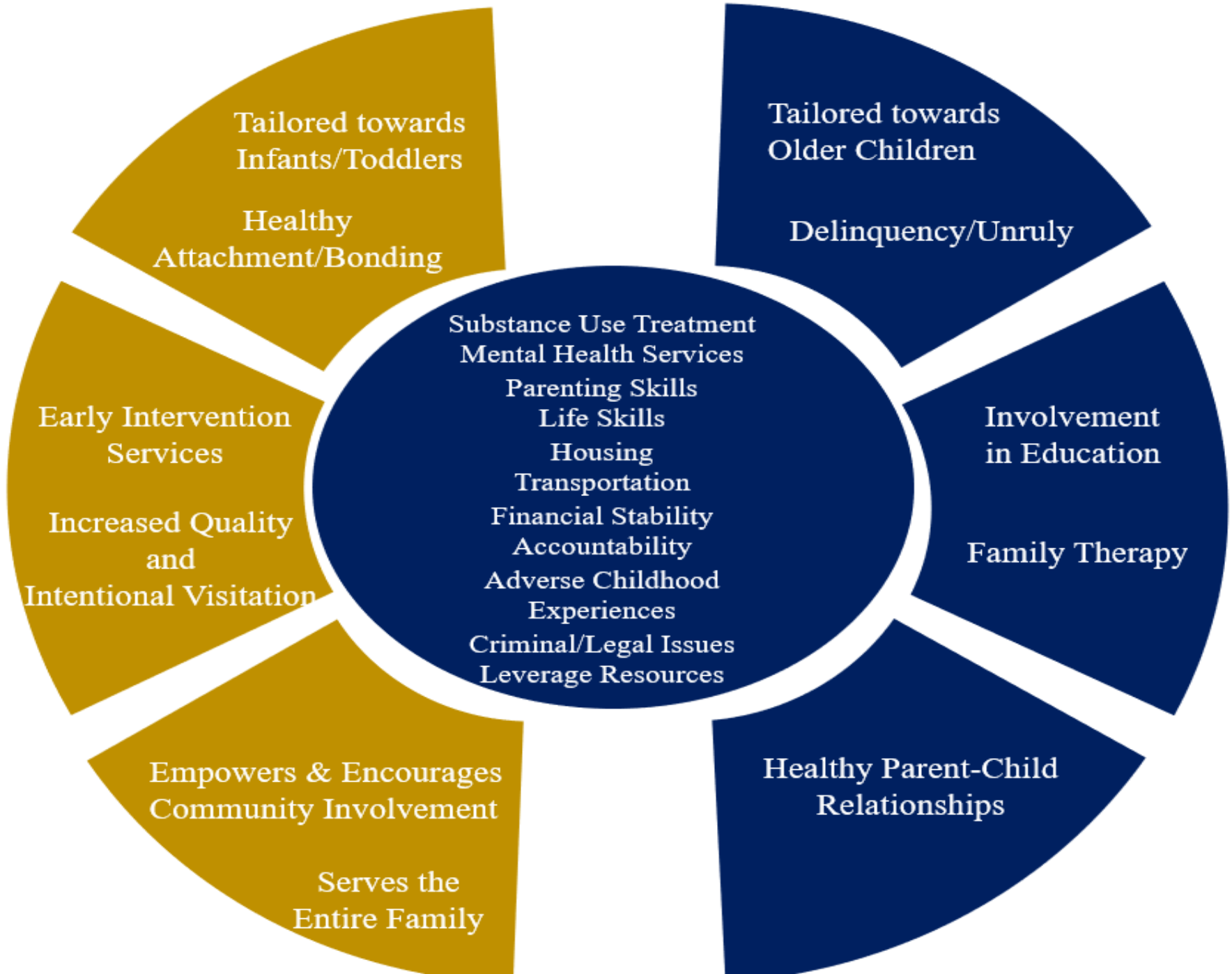
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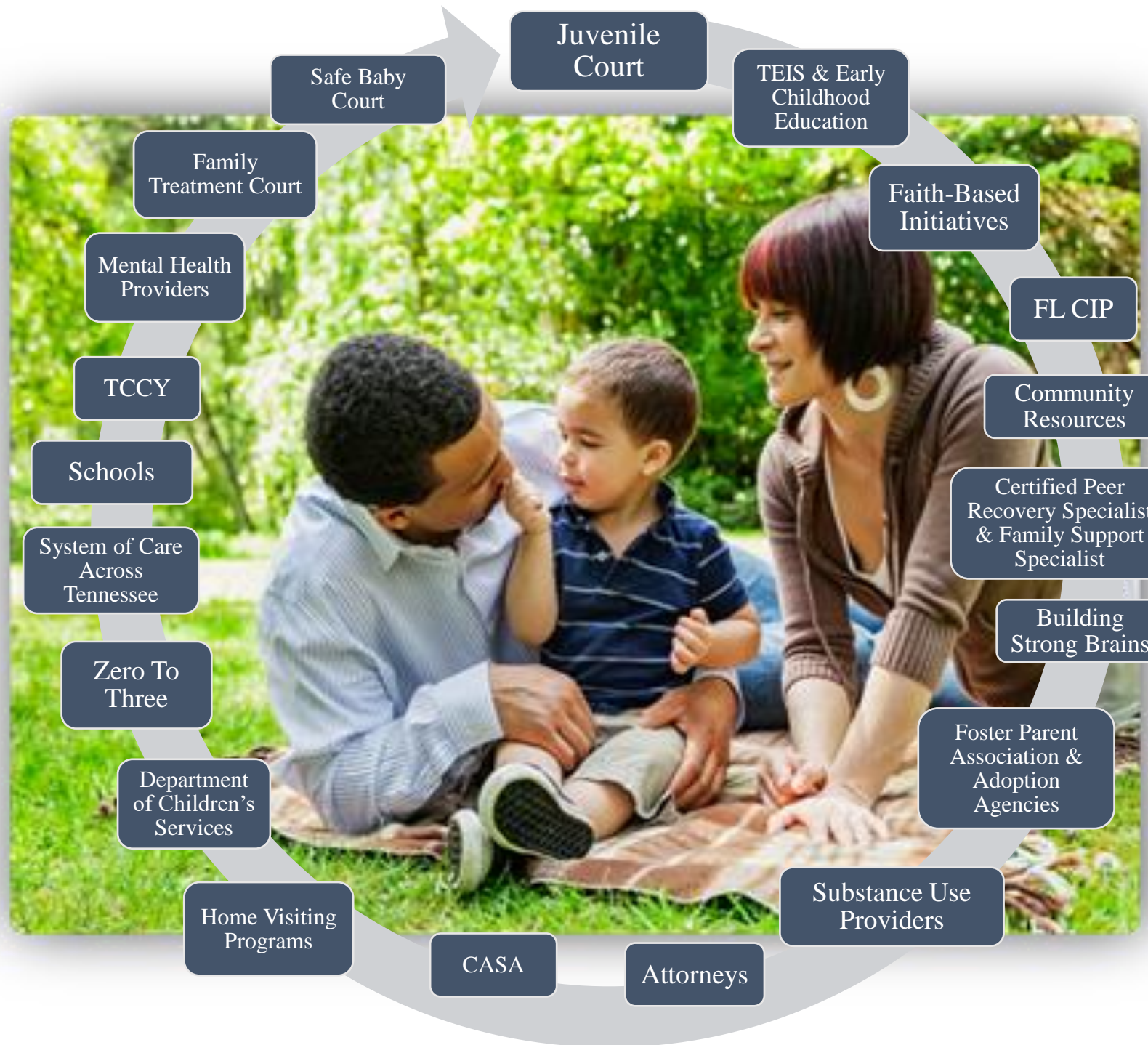
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# Q&A



# The Success Story

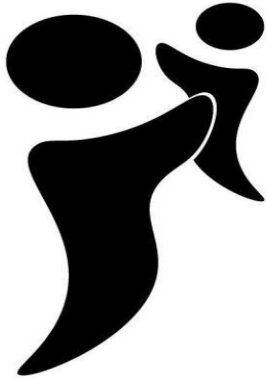


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# Safe Baby Courts – Father's Story



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