



# Safe Babies Court

Safe Babies, Strong Families,  
Healthy Communities

Judge Mary E. Triggiano

Children's Court

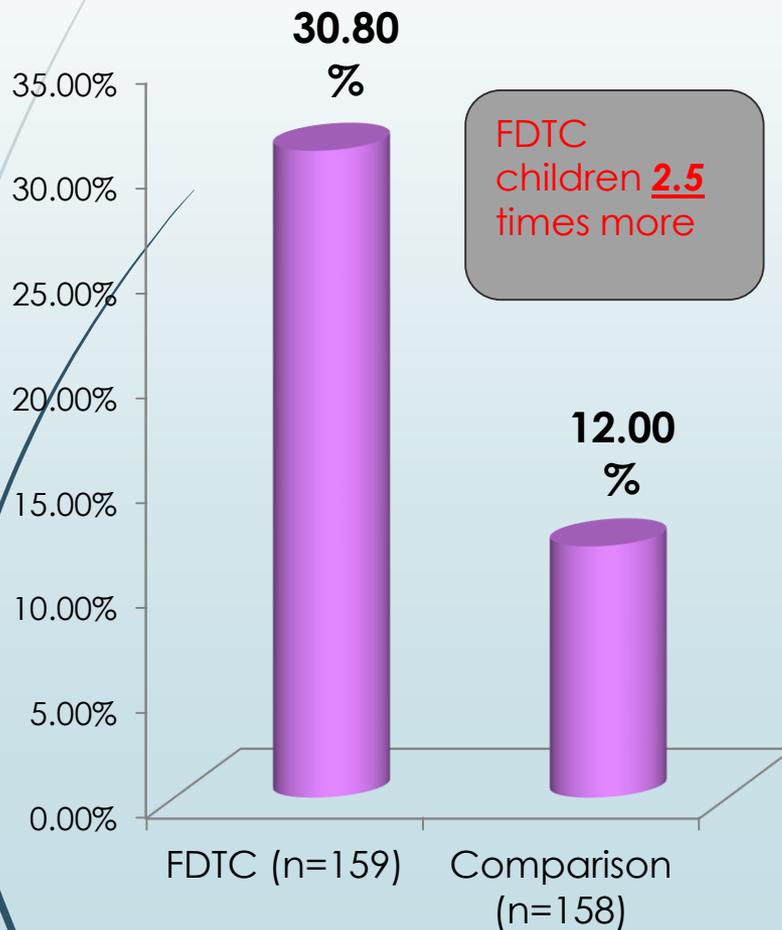


# Background & History

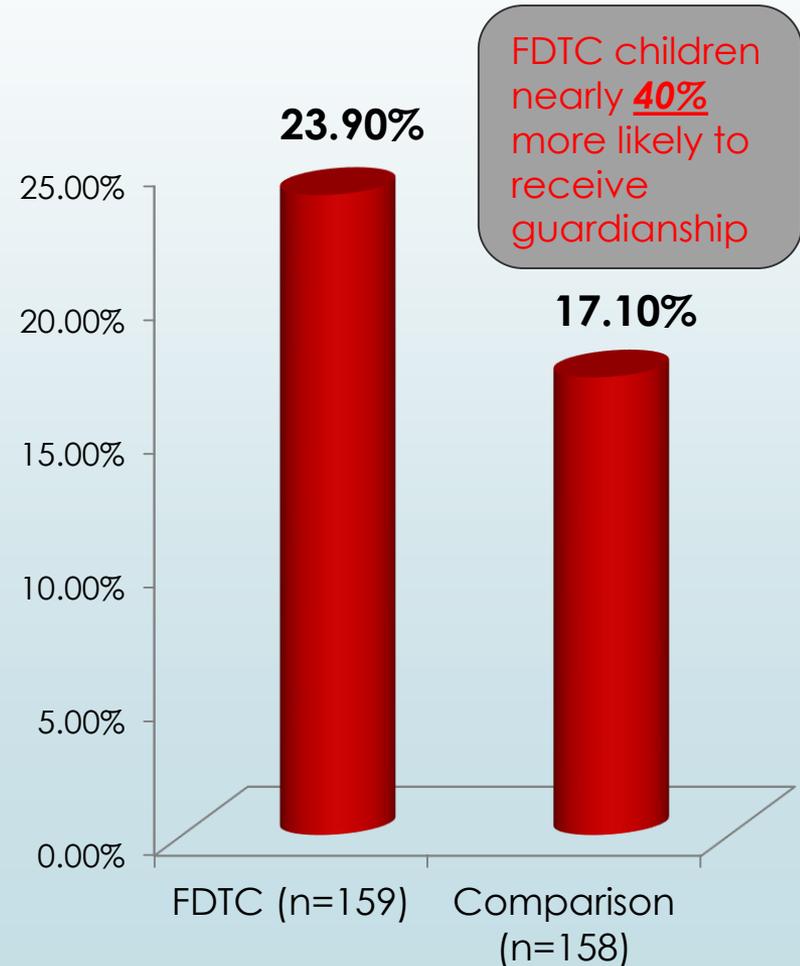
- ▶ Family Drug Treatment Court (FDTC)
- ▶ Began 2011
- ▶ Voluntary program designed to address familial substance use disorders
- ▶ Provides timely, family-centered, clinical and recovery support services
- ▶ Parents or guardians
- ▶ Goal of improving safety, well-being, and permanence for children

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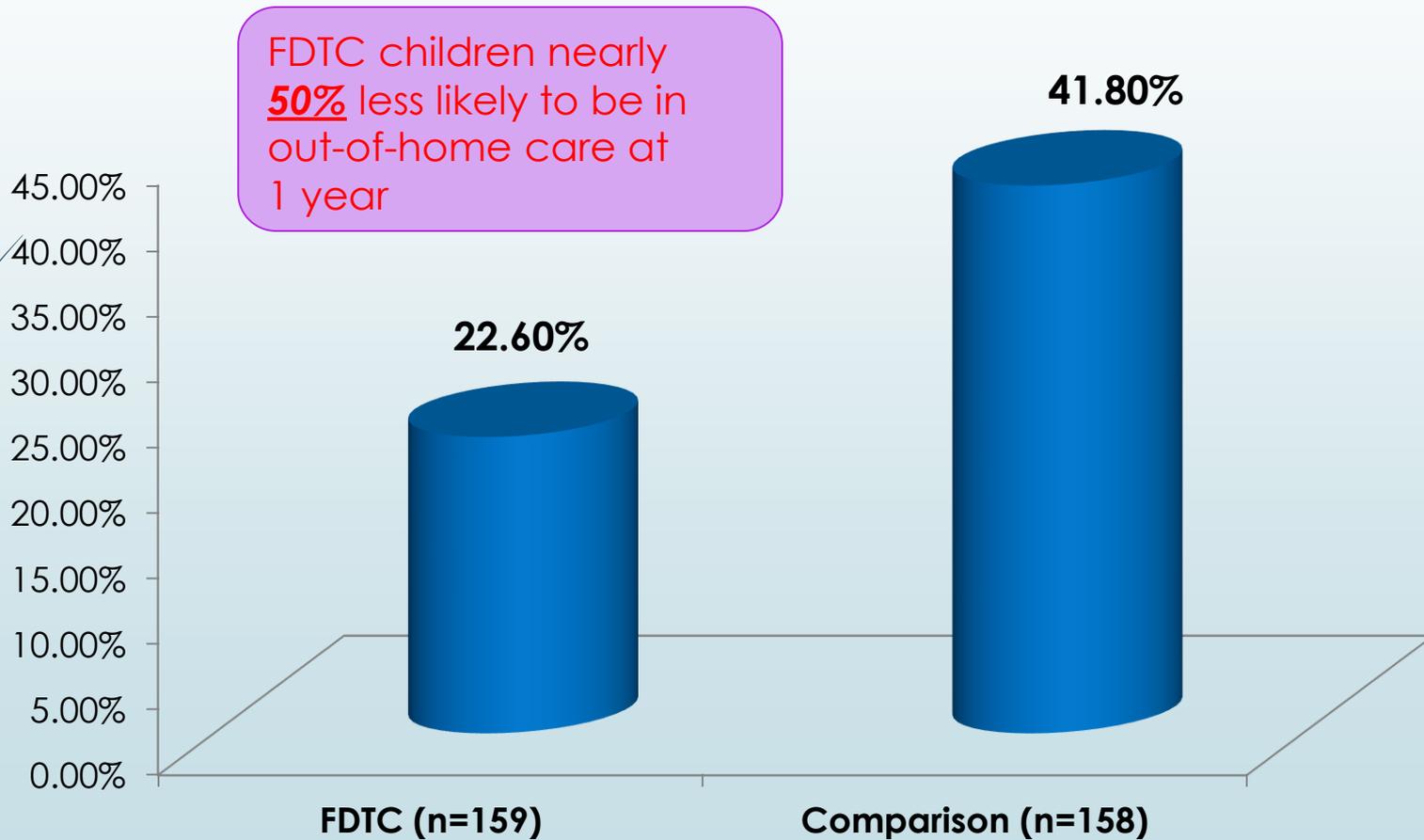
## Reunification



## Guardianship



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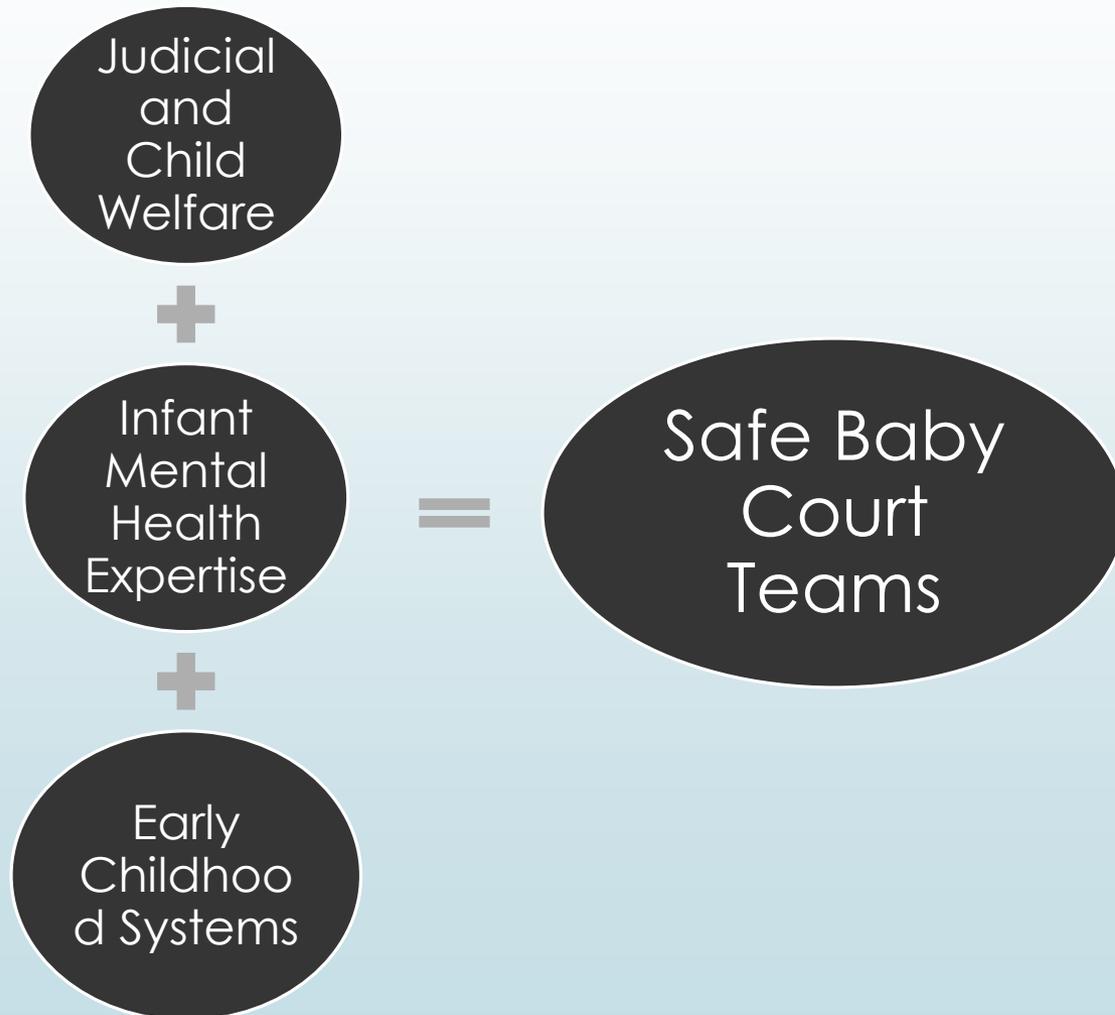
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- Proposed for Milwaukee County
  - Children that are removed due to abuse or neglect
  - Emphasis on safety, well-being, permanency
  - Improved parenting capacity



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Core Components





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Desired Outcomes for Trauma-informed  
Safe Babies Court Teams

Heal trauma &  
stop  
intergenerational  
transmission

Accelerate  
Permanency

Enhance Child  
Well-being

Improve  
relationships in  
child's life

Reduce  
reoccurrence of  
maltreatment

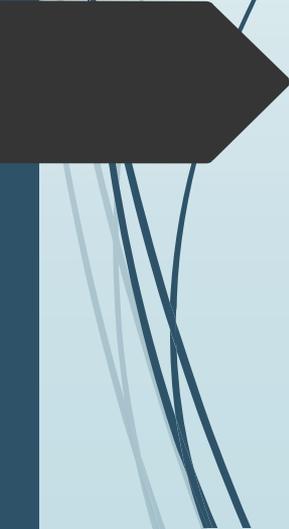
Increase  
Awareness



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## Safe Babies, Strong Families, Healthy Communities

- Promising Research Safe Babies Court Teams
- According to the National Survey of Child & Adolescent Well Being (n=511)
- Children Reached Permanency 2 to 3 times Faster
- Exited the Foster Care System Approx. 1 year Earlier than Children in the Comparison Group
- Accessed more services than the Comparison Group



# Questions