



Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams
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START is a child protective services program

- for families with parental substance abuse and child abuse/neglect
- that helps parents get sober and keeps kids in the home when it is possible and safe

START uses many strategies, including:

- Peer supports
- Quick access to intensive services
- Collaboration with addiction treatment
- Specialized training
- Smaller caseloads

START has better outcomes than typical CPS

- Roughly twice the sobriety rates
- Half as many kids in foster care
- For every dollar spent, \$2.52 saved on foster care

START's Positive Impact
as of 12-03-2015

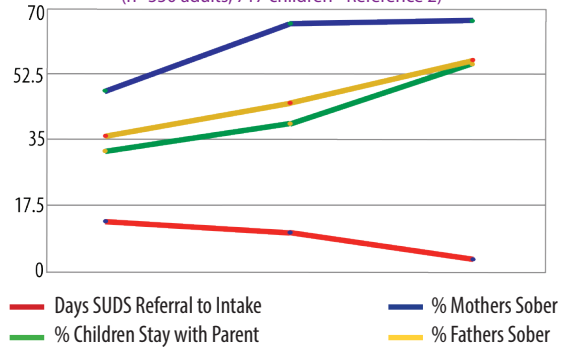
Site	Service Period	Number of Families Served	Number of Parents Served	Number of Children Served
Jefferson County	2007 to Present	324	575	674
Kenton County	2008 to Present	221	387	432
Boyd County	2012 to Present	125	214	239
Daviess County	2013 to Present	59	105	123
Martin County	2008 to 2013	67	128	154
Barren County	2008 to 2010	10	14	21
Total Served	2007 to Present	806	1423	1643

"START is one of the best collaboration efforts I have ever been involved in during my 35 years in the addiction treatment field. We have Child Protective Services, hospital social work departments, many different addiction treatment programs with different approaches all working together for the purpose of keeping families together and children safe in an alcohol/drug free home."

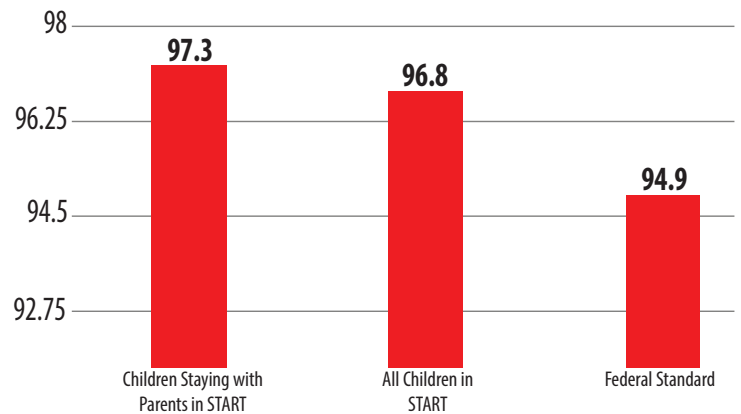
Diane Hague, LCSW, CADC

START
 is needed because nearly 90% of kids in state custody have parents with drug/alcohol issues.

Quick access to treatment equals better outcomes
(n=550 adults; 717 children - Reference 2)



START exceeds federal standards for preventing repeat abuse or neglect
(Reference 3)



START has these articles published in peer-reviewed journals

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