## **PURPOSE & SCOPE**



The Seneca County Family Intervention Court is a collaborative effort by local agencies to assist those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse and mental illness. The Seneca County Juvenile Court, along with Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services, work together to assist juveniles and their families with specific needs to improve their family unit as a whole.

This program is designed to service juveniles within a nine to eighteen month time frame. This intensive program consists of four phases. When the juvenile completes all four phases, he or she successfully graduates from the program. The juveniles are subject to status hearings varying from every week to every four weeks, depending on the phase of the program. The juveniles are intensely supervised outside of Court hearings and are required to meet weekly with the Intervention Court Coordinator and Case Managers from Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services. In addition, curfew calls, group activities with the juveniles, and continuous contact with parents are maintained. Parental participation and compliance is required—parents are required to attend parenting groups, family counseling sessions, and all Court hearings. Upon successful completion of the Family Intervention Court Program, the juvenile's underlying charge may be dismissed.



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FAMILY INTERVENTION COURT MISSION STATEMENT

## **INTERVENTION COURT**

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The Seneca County Family Intervention Court prepares juveniles and their families to lead healthy, responsible, and productive lives by eliminating drug and alcohol abuse and helping them cope appropriately with mental illness.

## REFERRALS

The Family Intervention Court is a four phase program for juveniles who have been involved in criminal activity and who are identified as having significant drug & alcohol and / or mental health problems.

Referrals can be submitted to the Court by:

□ Law Enforcement Agencies

□ Counseling Agencies

- □ School Officials
- Court / Probation Staff

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**PROGRAM GOALS** 

