

RECOVERY SPECIALIST VOLUNTARY PROGRAM (RSVP)

RSVP is a voluntary intensive case management and recovery support program that engages and maintains parents in appropriate substance use treatment services and provides linkages to increase recovery supports.

Target Population

RSVP is available to parents who have an identified substance use problem and have had a child removed pursuant to an Order of Temporary Custody (OTC) in the Bridgeport, Hartford, Middletown, New Britain, Rockville, Waterford, and Willimantic Juvenile Court catchment areas.

Referral and Service Initiation

Parents are identified at the time of the OTC.
Referrals are initiated by the parent attorney.
Parents' voluntary participation is bound by a Juvenile Court Standing Order.

Caseload and Length of Service

Caseload = 10 per Lead Recovery Specialist
15 per Recovery Specialist
Length of service = 6-9 months

Crisis Response

The Contractor is expected to have in place a crisis response plan through the use of the parent's recovery supports or the plan established by the substance use treatment provider.

Services and Interventions

CASE MANAGEMENT

Recovery Specialists provide outreach and engagement to encourage parents to meet their treatment and basic needs. RSVP services may include assistance in accessing the following services:

- Substance use treatment
- Advocacy
- Childcare
- Transportation
- Employment
- Self-help groups/Sober supports
- Mental health treatment
- Education
- Basic needs
- Entitlements
- Housing

DRUG TESTING

Recovery Specialists perform observed regular random drug testing. Parents move through three (typically 90 day) phases with different requirements for drug testing. Phase 1 is a minimum of two times per week, Phase 2 is a minimum of one time per week, and Phase 3 is a minimum of two times per month.

Reporting Expectations

- The Contractor is required to provide written monthly case status reports to DCF, attorneys, and Juvenile Court that address the client's engagement and compliance with RSVP.
- The Contractor is required to attend Substance Abuse Managed Services System (SAMSS) meetings and provide verbal updates on their client's progress and participation in RSVP.
- The Contractor provides weekly and monthly utilization reports.
- The Contractor will submit individual, client level data to the Department's PIE System or other system as required by the Department.