



FAMILY WELLNESS COURT



Eligibility:

Hupa Families that have Family Dependency Cases in the Humboldt Superior Court.

FAMILY WELLNESS COURT MISSION:


To operate a joint jurisdictional family dependency drug court that empowers families to make healthy decisions and breaks the cycle of addiction and child abuse & neglect through:

- A coordinated team approach
- Comprehensive, culturally competent services
- Frequent monitoring
- Building a support system for family recovery and child well-being.



About Us

In response to the opioid epidemic in Humboldt County, the Humboldt Superior Court and the Hoopa Tribal Court, through Joint Jurisdiction powers agreement, have created the Family Wellness Court as alternative to the juvenile dependency system. The Family Wellness Court is presided over by two Judges—a Tribal court Judge and a State Court Judge—and operates under California state law, Federal law, and Hoopa Tribal law. The Family Wellness Court embraces components of tribal healing to wellness and collaborative court approaches, and is informed by Hoopa traditions, and culture. What we believe is that through introspection, reflection, and connection, we heal ourselves and each other. Wellness is achieved through a holistic approach to support the next generation.



The substance abuse crisis is hitting our communities hard. Humboldt County has the second highest rate of opioid overdoses in the state per capita. There are high rates of other drug and alcohol abuse in our county. Families are struggling, children are being removed, and increasingly families are torn apart by the cycle of substance abuse.