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MID-STATES

*Celebrating our 300th Healthy Baby at VOA*

**KALI GRACE**

**Born September 5**

**6 lb, 5 oz**





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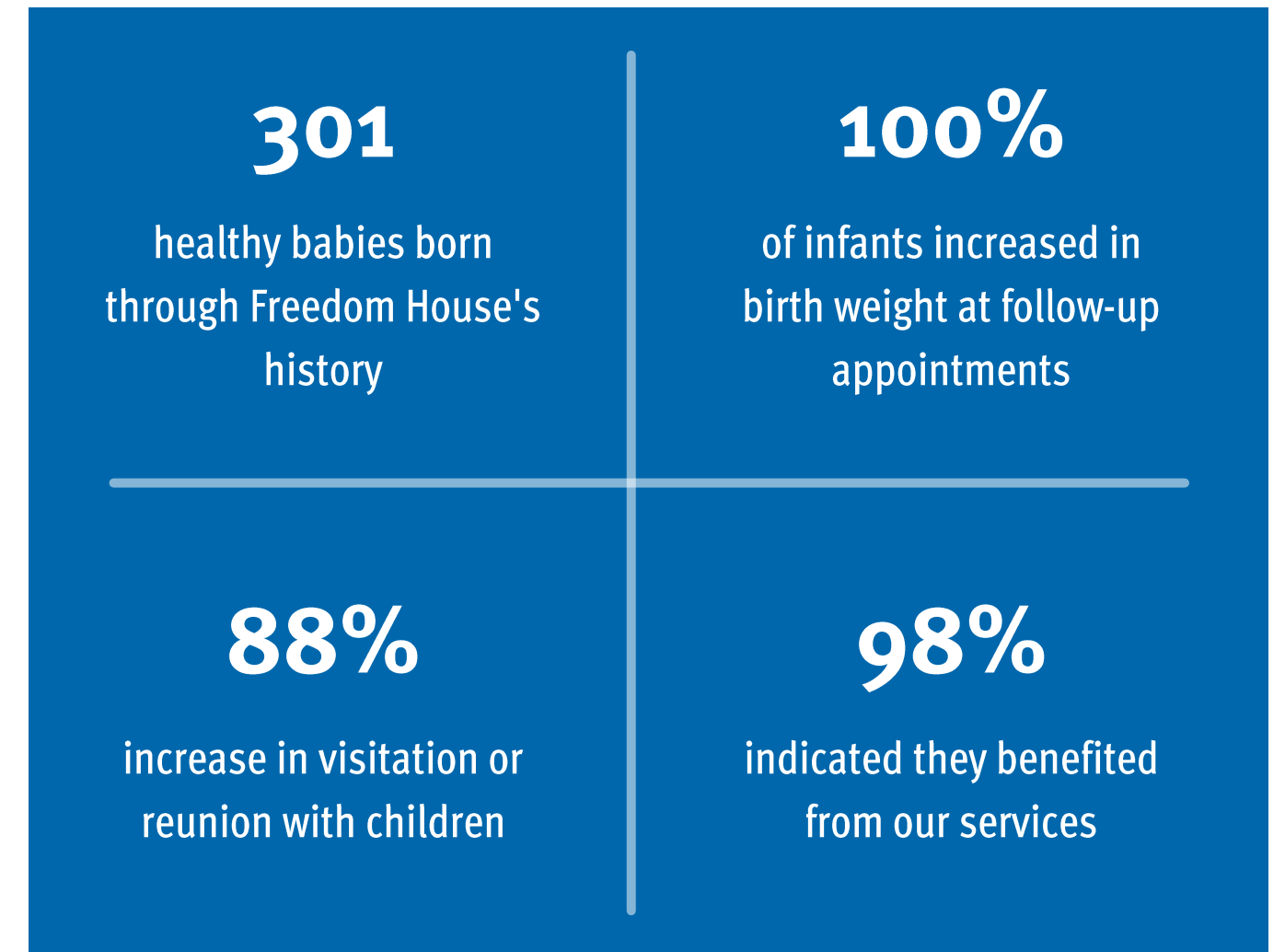
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# Freedom House

The only program of its kind in Kentucky providing residential treatment for pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorder.

- Designed to treat women’s substance use disorder, reuniting families and promoting the delivery of healthy, drug-free babies while not limiting the number or age of children that women can bring with them.
- 301 babies born free of illicit substances
- Expanding into Stanford, Owensboro and Northern Kentucky and doubling the size of our Clay County program



Average NICU stay for infants born with an NAS diagnosis



# Freedom House Expansion

## Our Locations



### Current Locations

Jefferson County - Louisville  
Clay County - Manchester

### Expansion Locations

Kenton County - Covington  
Daviess County - Owensboro  
Lincoln County - Stanford  
Clay County - Manchester

# Nationally Recognized

This powerful, proven approach is a model for other states and communities to follow

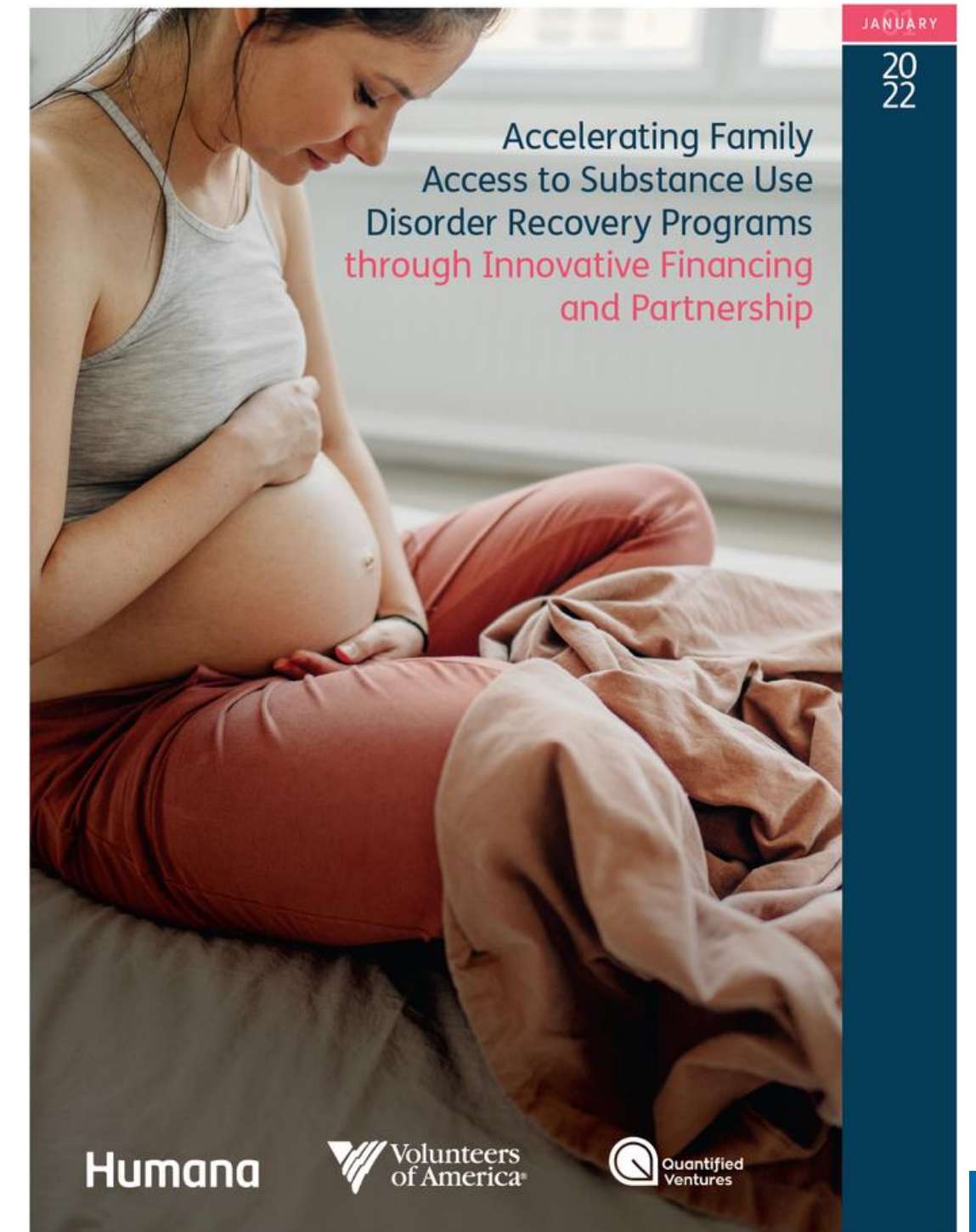


# Accelerating Family Access to Substance Use Disorder Recovery Programs through Innovative Financing and Partnership

- Family Focused Recovery Model benefits
- Community Collaboration
- Outcomes

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## White Paper



# What is Family-Focused Recovery?

Family Focused Recovery programs support mothers recovering from substance use disorder and address underlying physical, mental and behavioral health concerns. Eligibility for VOA's FFR treatment model is evidence based and designed to meet the unique needs of pregnant, postpartum, and parenting mothers.

- FRR Prevents family separation, provides prolonged care and support to mothers and infants, and reduces the risk of relapse
- FRR is one of the few U.S. programs that combines intensive addiction treatment, behavioral health treatment services, and family support to address underlying concerns that inhibit physical, mental and behavioral health.

## Program Model

### Screening



Comprehensive and integrated maternity and behavioral health care model



### Intervention



- Inpatient SUD treatment with housing
- Childcare Services
- Counseling and case management
- Support services and coaching
- Length of Stay: 30-90 days



### Ongoing Support



- Outpatient Housing
- Workforce development
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Wraparound services and coaching
- Duration: up to 2 years

# Value Based Payment Model

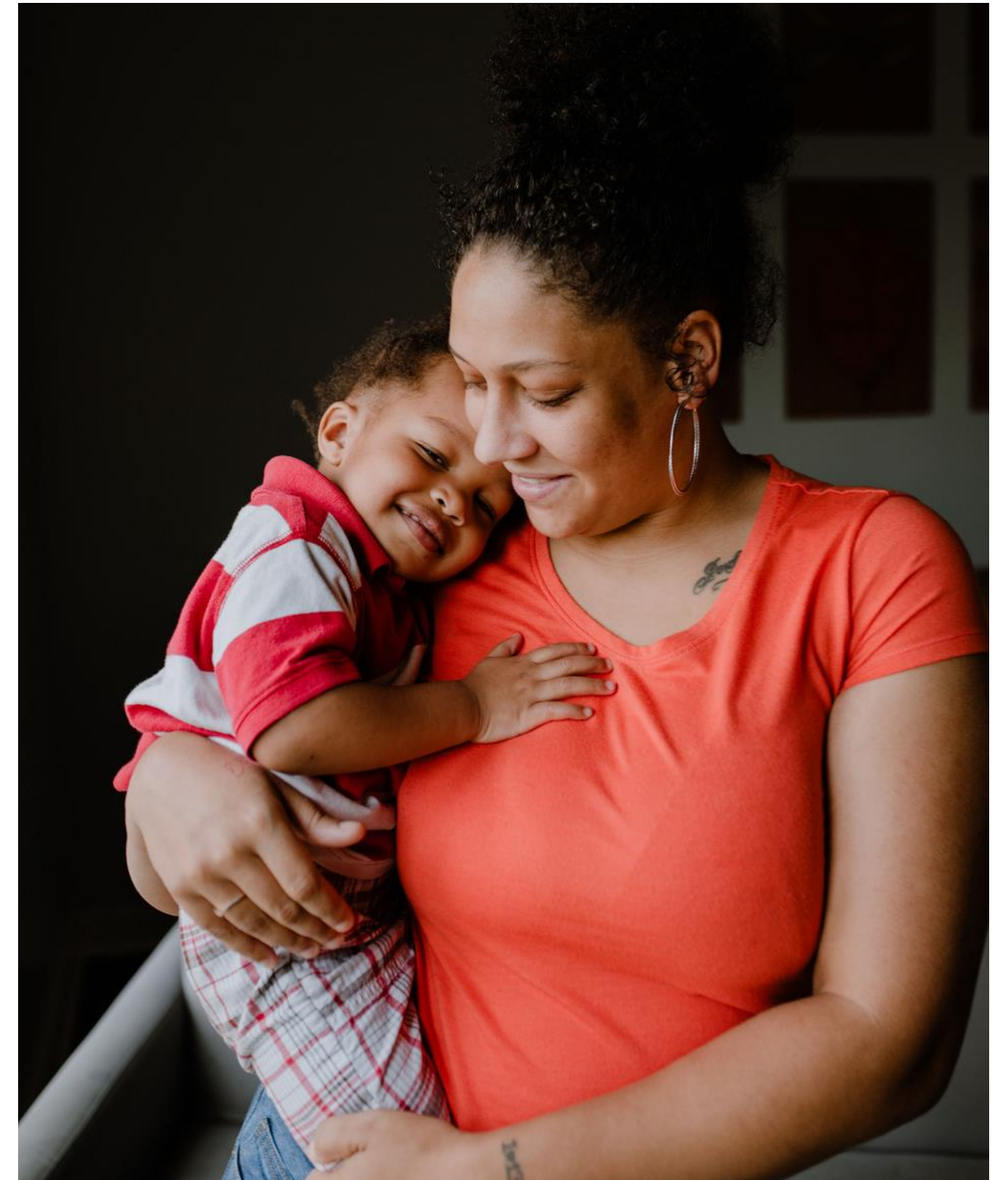
- Current payment model pays for tasks versus outcomes
- Does not incentivize quality
- Rewards poor performance with volume
- Benefits of value-based contracting for Freedom house





# In partnership, Humana, VOA and Qualified Ventures will:

- Create a dedicated FFR Fund, a first-of-its-kind vehicle designed to deliver high-impact health outcomes for pregnant mothers in priority states. This fund is designed to encourage further investment to drive towards scale.
- Structure payment models between Humana and partner CBOs that enable efficient and predictable scaling of priority community-based programs, starting with FFR.
- Generate program and outcomes data to inform policies that seek to shift the balance of medical spending toward human services that address social determinants of health to improve population health and well-being.
- Deliver meaningful improvements in health and well-being to the thousands of individuals receiving services to combat substance use disorder and other health-related social needs.



# Partnering for Research and Evaluation



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# Longitudinal Study: Social Return on Investment Project STRONG

Starts October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2027  
(5 year longitudinal study)

Cost: \$1.3M funded in part by Humana and an  
anonymous VOA donor

To collect and analyze long-term outcomes:

- Infants – continued growth and development
- Older kids educational and health outcomes
- Maternal longer-term outcomes
- Economic Impact



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# Community Driven Planning & Implementation

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# Family Recovery Courts and Restorative Justice : Evidence based solutions for youth and families



Judge Clint Harris  
41st Judicial Circuit



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AOC Director



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Programs

# Family Recovery Court Jefferson and Clay Counties

- A voluntary program for parents who are court involved and child protective service (CPS) active due to substance use issues.
- Eligibility for the program requires a Cabinet petition on the basis of substance use and said petition has been adjudicated by the courts.
- Immediate goal is sobriety and the long-term goal is family reunification.



# FAMILY RECOVERY COURT

**Jefferson County in partnership  
with Seven Counties Services**

**Opened Clay County, 2021 with a  
DOJ Grant**

- We have provided services to 34 adult participants, with 65 children.
- Within 6 months of entering the program 85% of participants have achieved family reunification.

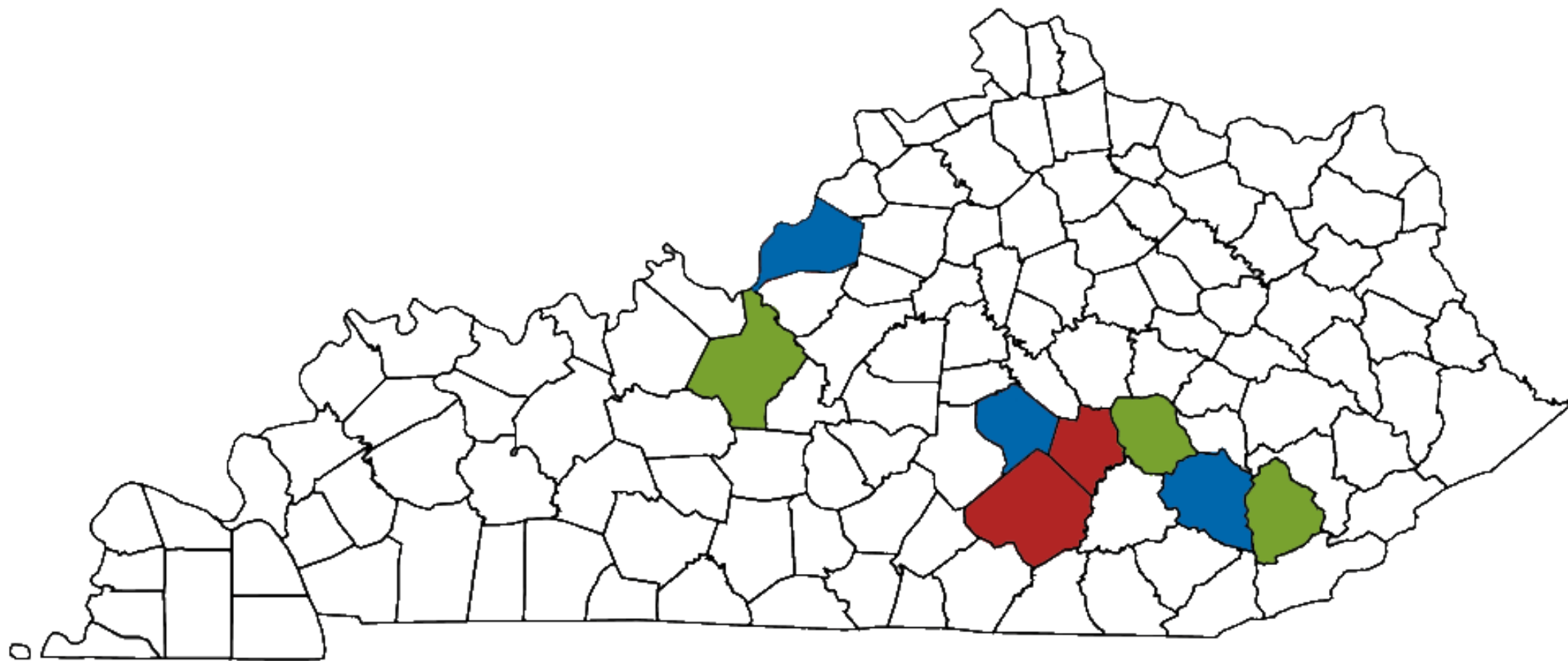


# Family Recovery Court

Currently located in Clay, Lincoln  
and Jefferson Counties

Expanding to Pulaski and Rockcastle Counties

Exploring expansion in Jackson,  
Leslie and Hardin Counties





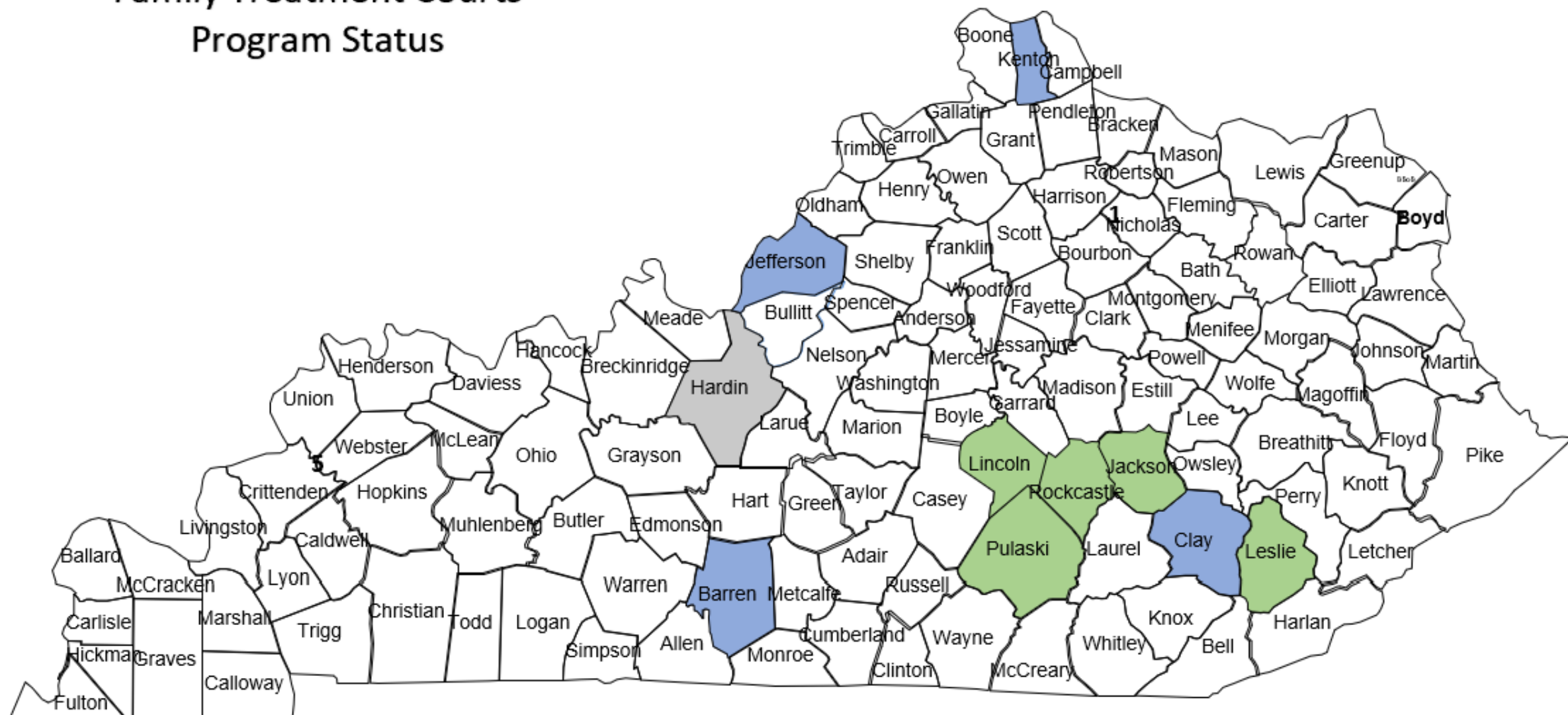
# Clay County Family Recovery Court Graduates

## Graduation, October 20th





# Family Treatment Courts Program Status



**Interest:**

- Hardin – Family Court Judge Dawn Blair
- Hardin - Family Court Judge Brent Hall

**Active:**

- Jefferson – Family Court Judges Angela Johnson & Lauren Ogden (2023: Denise Brown & Derwin Webb)
- Clay – Family Court Judge Clint Harris
- Kenton – Family Court Judge Christopher Mehling
- Kenton - Family Court Judge Acena Beck
- Barren – Family Court Judge Mica Pence

**Applied/Received Recent Funds:**

- Lincoln (state funds) – Family Court Judge Jane Venters
- Lincoln (state funds) - Family Court Judge Marcus Vanover
- Leslie – Family Court Judge Clint Harris
- Jackson – Family Court Judge Clint Harris
- Rockcastle (grant funds) – Family Court Judge Jane Venters
- Rockcastle (grant funds) - Family Court Judge Marcus Vanover
- Pulaski (grant funds) – Family Court Judges Jane Venters
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# Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health

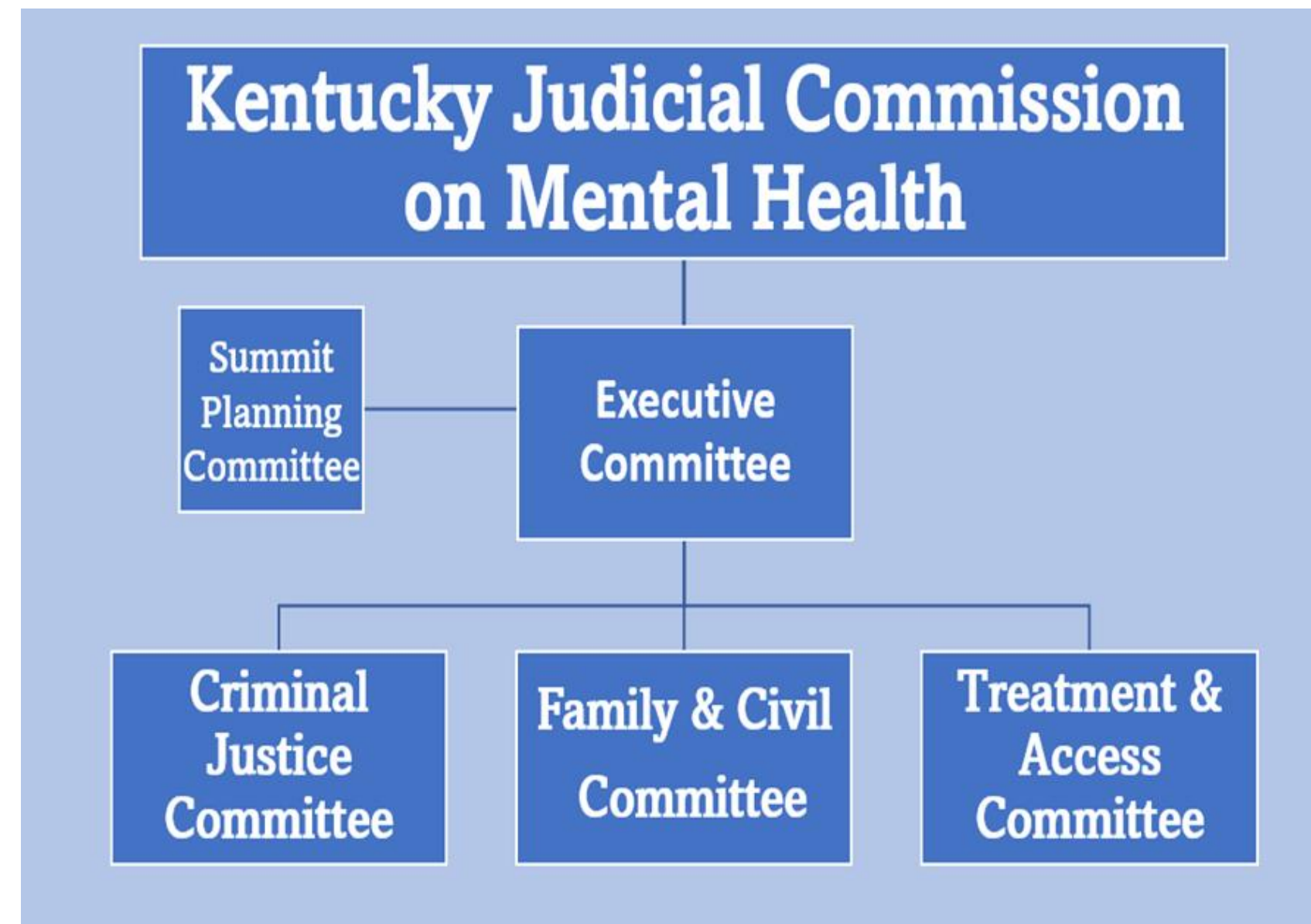


Established on August 11, 2022 by Supreme Court Order 2022-42

## Structure:

Charge: Exploring, recommending and implementing changes to improve system wide responses to justice-involved individuals experiencing mental health, substance use, or intellectual disabilities

- Membership includes 72 multidisciplinary representatives
- 2023 Mental Health Summit





# Restorative Justice

This unique program allows victims of crime to participate fully in the resolution of the offense – with a focus on seeking solutions and making amends.

Restorative Justice practices are centered on making things right for all parties involved while enabling creative solutions not used within the traditional justice system.

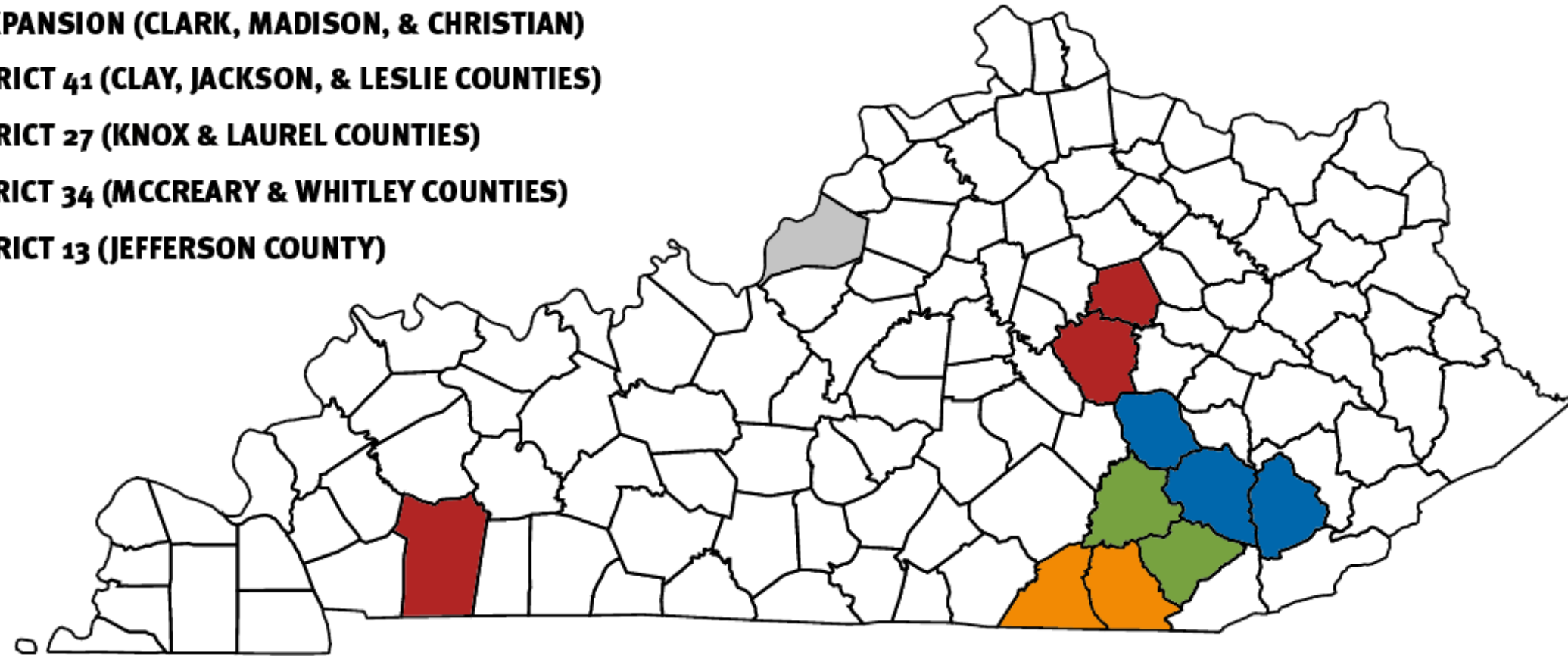
## Benefits to our community

- Significant cost savings for every case resolved outside the court system
- Healing and restoration for victims and community
- 50% reduction in recidivism compared to those who do not get this intervention
- Promotion and support of positive behavioral change of offenders
- Successful re-integration of the young offenders back into the community



# Restorative Justice

- EXPLORING EXPANSION (CLARK, MADISON, & CHRISTIAN)
- JUDICIAL DISTRICT 41 (CLAY, JACKSON, & LESLIE COUNTIES)
- JUDICIAL DISTRICT 27 (KNOX & LAUREL COUNTIES)
- JUDICIAL DISTRICT 34 (MCCREARY & WHITLEY COUNTIES)
- JUDICIAL DISTRICT 13 (JEFFERSON COUNTY)



## Restorative Justice

Our model is used in circuit courts, district courts, DJJ programs with youth, and schools. We are beginning to explore a partnership with the SRO's and Ben Wilcox

**Currently  
integrated in  
in 7 JCPS schools**

# **VOA and DCBS :** **A new and innovative partnership**



# Innovating Together: VOA and DCBS

- Public / private partnership with child welfare
- Serves as a substance use disorder educational resource to the Department for Community Based Services staff
- Helps parents access treatment, navigate through the process of receiving treatment with a dedicated liaison

Current data shows that youth entering out of home placement is on the rise at over 5,000 with close to 9,000 in out of home placement by the end of FY22. Over 70% of those placements have substance use as a factor. The solution is family-focused recovery services and access to more recovery capital.



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# DCBS Rationale

- Changing the narrative from "remove then refer" in order to prevent the additional trauma of family separation and unnecessary expense.
- Changing the culture within the system related to attitudes, biases and and narratives about parents with substance use disorder.

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

- Multi-year pilot project
- DCBS consults with VOA clinicians in cases identified to feature parental (maternal) addiction

VOA clinician provides:

- Assessments and recommendations for care makes direct linkages to treatment
- Participates in prevention planning
- Attends court appearances & family team meetings
- Coordinates case management with treatment provider(s) and DCBS worker/supervisor

VOA is integrated in  
three DCBS offices

including:

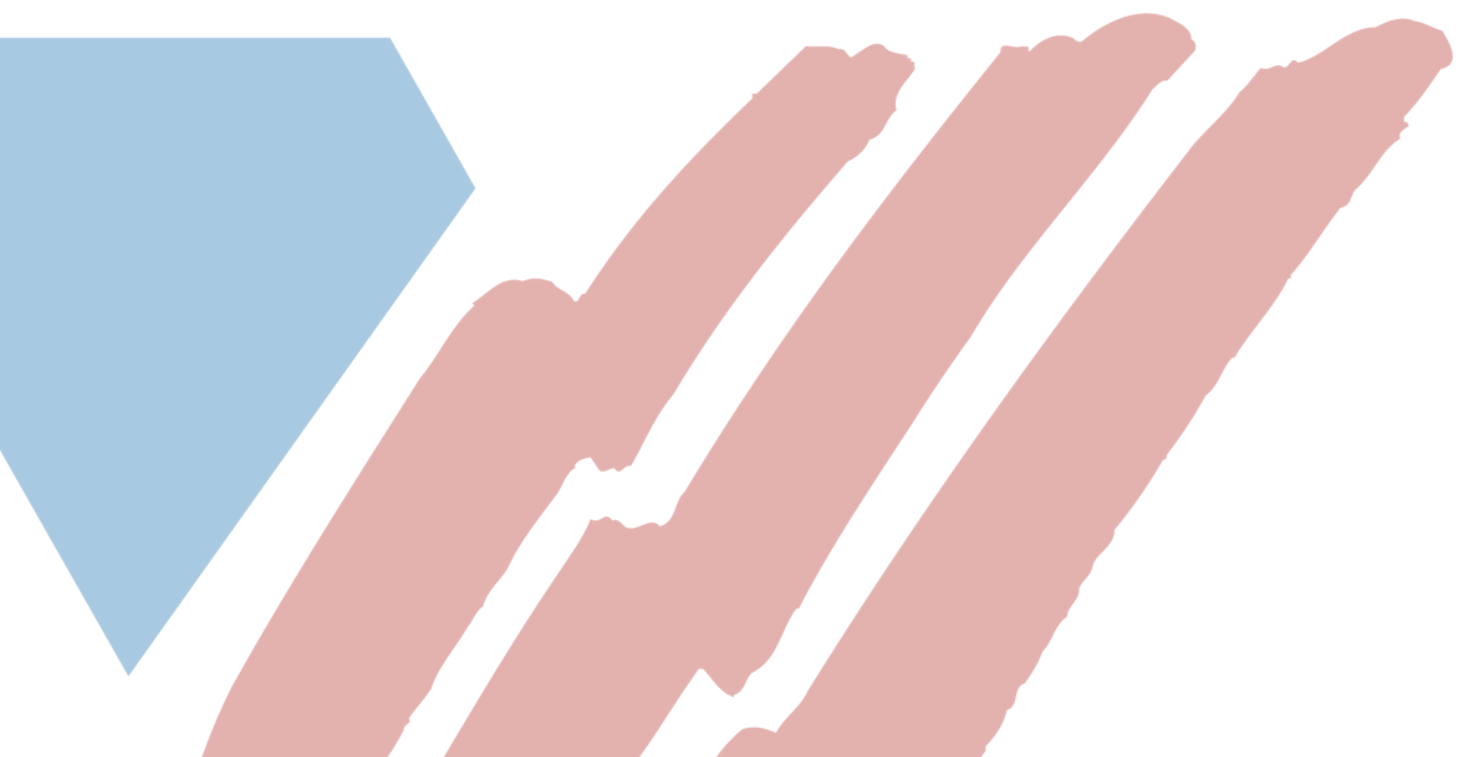
Clay County

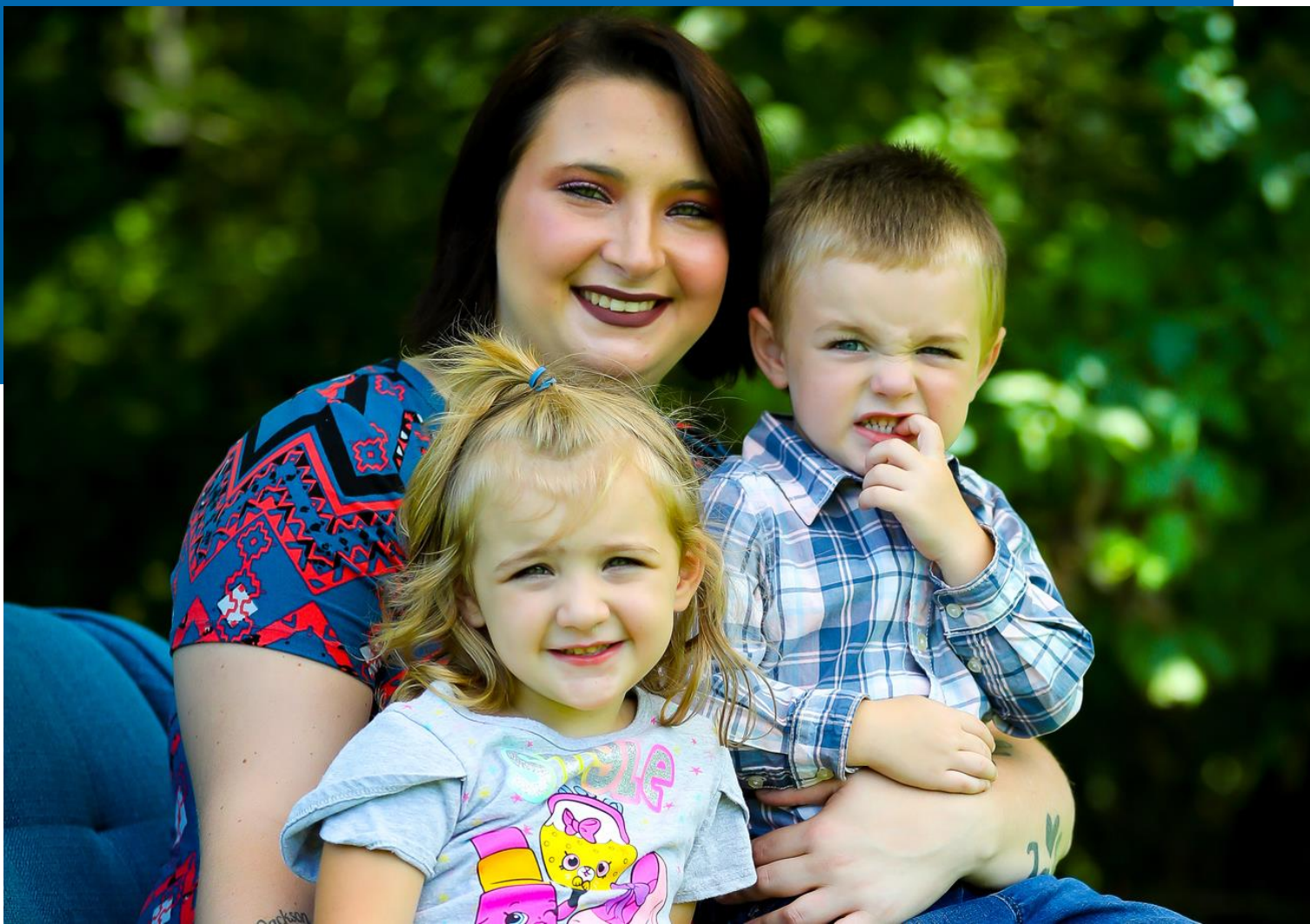
Hardin County

Lincoln County



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