

Spokane County Juvenile Court Safe Baby Court (SBCT)

“The first **5** years

have so much to do with how

the next **80** turn out.”

— Bill Gates

Children Served Nationally by the Safe Babies Court Team Approach

❖ Children are **More Likely**
to be placed with a
**Biological Parent or a
Relative**

- SBCT – 87.8% Children
- National – 66% Children

❖ Children are placed in
Permanent Homes **2-3**
times FASTER than the
National Average

- SBCT – 12 Months
- National – 24-36 Months

❖ Children are **Less Likely** to
experience Re-Occurring
Maltreatment

- SBCT – 0.7%
Re-Occurance
- National – 9.1
Re-Occurance

Early Childhood Development Impacts Lifelong Achievement

- Child Welfare System protects the Safety of Children but moves slowly, sometimes as long as two years.
- That is a long time for a baby and those delays can be harmful to their development
- Families who successfully engage in the SBCT Approach experience less time in the Child Welfare System

Our Approach

Each Family

Has the **Same** Social Worker, Judge, Guardian Ad Litem and Community Coordinator.

Will have **Monthly** Family Team Meetings.

Will receive **Immediate Service Referrals** for the Parents and Children.

Receive **Increased Family Time or Visitation**

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ZERO TO THREE
Early connections last a lifetime

