

## What We Do:

Safe Baby Court works to help families identify exactly what they need to be successful long-term. Cases initiate with a willing and motivated parent who is committed to the hard work it will take to regain custody of their child. That parent is then met with a team of professionals to support them on their journey.

### Team Approach:

Attorneys, child welfare workers, CPRS, case managers, child development specialists and more are involved. Everyone comes together monthly to talk through progress and struggles and to help families problem solve.

### Court:

Cases are heard in court monthly where further collaboration ensues thereby ensuring steps towards permanency are always moving in a forward direction.

While reunification is our primary goal at SBC, ultimately, helping babies achieve a safe and stable, forever home is at the heart of our work. There are times, through the support and work they've done in SBC that parents realize that forever home may not be with them and kinship placement is an alternate and positive outcome of our work.

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**FAMILY IS FAMILY,  
WHETHER IT'S THE  
ONE YOU START  
OUT WITH, THE  
ONE YOU END UP  
WITH, OR THE  
FAMILY YOU GAIN  
ALONG THE WAY.**

-Gloria Delgado-Pritchett



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## SBC VISION STATEMENT

To achieve lasting safety, permanency, and well being for Tennessee infants, toddlers, and families through a collaborative team approach.



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Cannon County Safe Baby Court

## Meet The Team



### Matthew Cowan, Judge

Judge Cowan started the Safe Baby Court in 2025. He interacts with participants in hearings and gives consideration to the input of team members when making decisions. He works to achieve timely permanency for children and ensure that child and family needs are identified and addressed with effective services and interventions.



### Lydia Price, CPRS

Lydia is Safe Baby Court's Coordinator and has lived experience in the child welfare system. She helps connect you with the court system, DCS, and different services in Cannon Co. Lydia facilitates the Child & Family Team meetings and works with you, DCS, and providers to ensure your case plan is being completed.



## Safe Baby Court Graduate Testimonials

"My family and I will always be so incredibly thankful for Safe Baby Court. When our son was born, I was living a life of powerlessness and denial. My addiction had been the driving force in my life for several years. SBC put me on the path to recovery and reunited us with our baby boy. Our lives have done nothing but blossom ever since. SBC will forever have a special place in our hearts. Thank You!"  
-Austin, 2023 Rutherford Co. Graduate



"All the members of SBC and the SBC program itself have been nothing but helpful. The start of this experience and being in the system at the beginning was so shameful to me, and not having my rights was such a hopeless feeling, but the members of SBC & DCS brought me out of that head space by giving me hope, motivation, and guidance. I didn't feel a single bit of judgement passed towards me, instead I felt encouraged. I will forever be thankful for that, but most importantly I want to thank them for the love and consideration they have given to my daughter. I really couldn't have done this without you all. I thank you from the bottom of my heart & appreciate the guidance & growth you all have given me."  
-Victoria, 2024 Rutherford Co. Graduate