

**Quick Resources for CBCAP Peer Learning Communities Webinar
Making the Connection: Barriers and Bridges to Prevention in Hard to Reach Communities
Substance Abuse & Mental Health
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For more information, visit the Child Welfare Information Gateway website: www.childwelfare.gov
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Child Abuse and Neglect

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/can/>

Provides resources about child maltreatment, including definitions, signs, and symptoms; statistics and prevalence; types of child abuse and neglect; risk and protective factors; effects on individuals and society; and child fatalities.

Cultural Competence

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/cultural/>

Presents resources to help workers, programs, agencies, and systems better understand and enhance their cultural competence. This section also provides information for working with military families, child abuse and neglect, prevention, and more.

Domestic Violence

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/domviolence/>

Offers services and resources for both child welfare and domestic violence human services providers

Ethical Practice and Client Rights

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/management/ethical/>

Furnishes resources to help workers, programs, agencies, and systems better understand and enhance their ethical practice and their clients' rights.

Evidence-Based Practice

http://www.childwelfare.gov/management/practice_improvement/evidence/

Provides resources and tools to help agencies make informed decisions about implementing evidence-based practices and programs in their communities

Family-Centered Practice

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/famcentered/>

Presents resources to support and preserve families through a respectful, strengths-based approach that views the family as central to the child's well-being.

Funding

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/management/funding/>

Lists resources and information on Federal funding and grants, private funding, State child welfare contacts, and grant writing and fundraising

Mental Health Services

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/mentalhealth/>

Provides resources about mental health and child welfare that include information about common mental health issues for children, youth, and families, as well as mental health outcomes found in Child and Family Services Reviews

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/>

Lists resources on child abuse prevention, protecting children from risk of abuse, and promoting healthy families
April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and our special web section provides additional materials:

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>

State Guides and Manuals

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/sgm>

Provides online publications created by State agencies to describe their services and provide guidance on child welfare-related topics to both professional and personal audiences.

Substance Abuse

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/substance/>

Offers information on the effects of substance abuse on children, youth, and families involved with the child welfare system, as well as prevention, assessment, treatment services, drug-specific information, and more.

Treatment and Trauma-Informed Care

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/responding/trauma.cfm>

It provides information on building trauma-informed systems, assessing and treating trauma, addressing secondary trauma in caseworkers, and trauma training. This section also offers trauma resources for caseworkers, caregivers, and families.

Use of Psychotropic Medications

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/mentalhealth/effectiveness/psychotropic.cfm>

It offers resources regarding considerations for appropriate use and oversight of psychotropic medications, with a particular focus on children and youth in foster care.

Information Gateway Library

<http://basis.caliber.com/cwig/ws/library/docs/gateway/SearchForm>

It offers a library of more than 68,000 resources on topics ranging from prevention of child abuse and neglect to foster care and adoption.

Learning Center

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/learningcenter/>

Builds child welfare knowledge with concise and easy-to-use educational resources and training tools for professionals, faculty, and students.

Online Catalog Series List

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/catalog/index.cfm?event=catalog.viewSeriesList>

Gives users fast and free access to bulletins, factsheets, issue briefs, user manuals, and other materials produced or distributed by Information Gateway.

Online Resources for State Child Welfare Law and Policy

http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/resources.cfm

Offers links to public access websites for full-text State statutes, regulations, policy manuals, and other resources. Highlights links to a legislative overview and additional information on the Fostering Connections Act.

Resources in Spanish

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/spanish/#tab=general>

Provides resources published in Spanish.

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Additional Resources

Health / Mental Health Issues: The following organizations are among many that have information on health and mental health issues.

National Alliance on Mental Illness: is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness and building a community of hope for all of those in need.

NAMI-Child & Adolescent Center: NAMI created the Child & Adolescent Action Center to focus attention on systems reform and to help and support families.

NAMI-Multicultural Action Center: The Multicultural Action Center focuses attention on system reform to eliminate disparities in mental health care for diverse communities and cultural competence in treatment and support for all who are affected by serious mental illness.

National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) is an initiative of the Department of Health and Human Services and jointly funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Children's Bureau's Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN).

Collaboration: Collaborative Practice and Tools: The goal of the professionals who work with children and families affected by substance use disorders and involved in the child welfare system is to facilitate positive outcomes for these families. Ideally, the parent will receive effective treatment for the substance use disorder so that the child can remain with the parent, while the well-being of the child is fully supported throughout the parent's recovery process. Achieving this outcome requires intensive collaboration by multiple agencies working with the family.

Methamphetamine Addiction, Treatment, and Outcomes: Implications for Child Welfare Workers: In order to make sound decisions for the benefit of children and families, child welfare workers need accurate information about methamphetamine, its effects on parents and their children, and the effectiveness of treatment. This paper presents the most current research in these areas, and offers recommendations for child welfare workers to help them identify and assist children and families.

Child Welfare Training Toolkit: Helping Child Welfare Workers Support Families with Substance Use, Mental, and Co-Occurring Disorders: This on-line training package is designed for child welfare trainers. This toolkit is composed of six modules, where each module includes a training plan, fully developed trainer scripts, PowerPoint slides and handouts.

Online Courses: These self-paced online tutorials focus on the subjects of substance abuse and child welfare; they support and facilitate collaboration between the child welfare system, the substance abuse treatment system, and the courts. There is no cost to enroll in the online tutorials, although registration is required. Continuing Education Units are available upon successful completion of a tutorial. All three tutorials are available at <http://www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov/training/>

- Understanding Child Welfare and the Dependency Court: A Guide for Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals
- Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment and Family Recovery: A Guide for Child Welfare Professionals
- Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment and Family Recovery: A Guide for Legal Professionals

Substance-Exposed Infants State Responses to the Problem: State Responses to the Problem: This report provides support for multi-agency collaboration and services coordination in response to the needs of substance-exposed infants and to women that are identified as having given birth to a substance-exposed infant.

Framework and Policy Tools for Improving Linkages between Alcohol and Drug Services, Child Welfare Services and Dependency Courts: This ten-element framework is a tool for assessing collaboration across systems, specifically the identification of benchmarks for improving system linkages, which are fundamental to improving outcomes and long-term well-being for families in the child welfare system with substance use disorders.

Parental Drug Use as Child Abuse: Summary of State Laws: The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) requires States to have policies and procedures in place to notify child protective services (CPS) agencies of substance-exposed newborns (SENs) and to establish a plan of safe care for newborns identified as being affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure. This document provides a summary of State Laws that currently address this requirement in their statutes.

Parental Substance Use and the Child Welfare System: This bulletin provides a brief overview of some of the issues confronting families affected by parental substance use who enter the child welfare system, and it examines some of the service barriers as well as the innovative approaches child welfare agencies have developed to best meet the needs of these children and families.

Screening and Assessment for Family Engagement, Retention and Recovery (SAFERR): This guidebook presents the SAFERR model for helping staff of public and private agencies to families affected by substance use disorders. SAFERR was developed in response to frequent requests from managers of child welfare agencies for a "tool" that caseworkers could use to screen parents for potential substance use disorders in order to make decisions about children's safety.

State Mental Health Resources: The following organizations are among many that have information on State Mental Health Resources. Inclusion on this list is for information purposes and does not constitute an endorsement by Child Welfare Information Gateway or the Children's Bureau.

Understanding Substance Abuse and Facilitating Recovery: A Guide for Child Welfare Workers: It discusses the relationship of alcohol and drugs to families in the child welfare system; provides information on the biological, psychological, and social processes of alcohol and drug addiction to help staff recognize when substance abuse is a risk factor in their cases; describes strategies to facilitate and support alcohol and drug treatment and recovery; and explains the benefits of partnering with substance abuse treatment and dependency court systems to improve outcomes for children of parents with substance use disorders.

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT WEBINAR : The convergence of various factors highlights the need to understand the efficacy, use and implications of medication assisted treatment (MAT) for families receiving child welfare services.

Local Level Collaborative Capacity Instrument – AOD, MH, CWS, and Courts: This tool is intended to be used as a self-assessment by mental health agencies, local level alcohol and other drug services and child welfare service agencies and dependency court who are preparing to work with each other or who may be seeking to move to a new level of cooperation after some initial efforts.

National Conference 2011 PowerPoint Presentation on National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare: Substance Exposed Infants Presented by Sid Gardner and Ira Chasnoff at Putting the Pieces Together for Children and Families: National Conference on Substance Abuse, Child Welfare and the Courts in National Harbor, MD. September 2011

National Recovery Month: Promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for substance use and mental disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. **Recovery Month** spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover

Perinatal Substance Use Screening in California The purpose of this report is to present the outcome data from 16 California counties that have established a comprehensive system of screening, assessment, and brief intervention in pregnant women.

The Rebecca Project for Human Rights: The Rebecca Project for Human Rights (RPHR) is a transformational organization that advocates for justice, dignity and reform for vulnerable women and girls in the United States and in Africa.

Funding –Family Centered Treatment for Women with Substance Use Disorders: Presentation by Nancy K. Young and Kathryn Icenhower, SHIELDS at the 17th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Atlanta, GA April 2009.

Family Centered Treatment-Policy, Practice and Funding Innovations in Connecting Substance Abuse Treatment, Child Welfare and the Courts: Presentation by Francine Feinburg at Therapeutic Communities of America: National Addiction Treatment and Prevention Conference in Washington, DC November 2010

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