

CHILD WELFARE: Discipline Specific Materials and Resources



Family Drug Court - Child Welfare Specific Orientation Materials

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Virtual Trainings (webinars, online tutorials):

- **NCSACW Online Tutorial 2: Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment and Family Recovery: A Guide for Child Welfare Professionals:** Provides child welfare professionals with knowledge of alcohol and drug addiction and its impact on parenting; engagement strategies and the treatment and recovery process for families affected by substance use disorders; services needed by children whose parents have substance use disorders; and methods of improving collaboration among substance abuse treatment, child welfare and court systems. Revised in 2015.
- **Understanding Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Your Community: A Draft Discussion Guide for Child Welfare and Court Professionals to Identify the Best Treatment Fit for Families:** This discussion guide is designed to help child welfare and court professionals increase their knowledge and capacity to better meet their client's substance use disorder treatment needs.
- **FDC Learning Academy Webinar: Reaching the Tipping Point - FDCs as a National Child Welfare Reform Strategy:** This webinar provides a brief overview of FDC movement, what works for families affected by substance use disorders and child abuse and neglect who are involved with child welfare systems, and key strategies to improve outcomes for this population of families moving forward.
- **FDC Learning Academy Webinar: Identifying Substance Use as a Risk Factor in Child Welfare Cases and Understanding How to Respond:** This webinar provides in-depth information about the principles behind an effective screening and assessment protocol and the UNCOPE tool.
- **Understanding Substance Abuse and Facilitating Recovery: A Guide for Child Welfare Workers:** This publication helps child welfare workers: 1) understand the

relationship of alcohol and drugs to child welfare, and to recognize when substance use is a factor in cases; 2) understand addiction and how to support and facilitate treatment and recovery; 3) enhance collaboration with substance use disorder treatment partners; and, 4) improve outcomes for children and parents with substance use disorders.

- **Drug Testing in Child Welfare: Practice and Policy Considerations:** The purpose of this paper is to guide child welfare agency policymakers in developing practice and policy protocols regarding the use of drug testing in child welfare practice. This guidance describes the practice and policy issues that policymakers must address to include drug testing in the comprehensive assessment and monitoring that child welfare agencies provide.
- **NCSACW Child Welfare Training Toolkit:** Helping Child Welfare Workers Support Families with Substance Use, Mental, and Co-Occurring Disorders Training Package was developed to educate child welfare professionals about substance abuse and mental health disorders among families involved in the child welfare system. It is intended to provide learning opportunities and baseline knowledge on substance abuse and mental health problems and interventions; motivate and facilitate cross-systems work; and incorporate cultural awareness and facilitate cultural competency in child welfare practice.
- **A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders: Practice and Policy Considerations for Child Welfare, Collaborating Medical, and Service Providers:** This guidance publication is intended to support the efforts of states, tribes, and local communities in addressing the needs of pregnant women with opioid use disorders and their infants and families. Collaborative planning and implementation of services that reflect best practices for treating opioid use disorders during pregnancy are yielding promising results in communities across the country.
- **Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START):** The START program is an intensive child welfare program for families with co-occurring substance use and child maltreatment delivered in an integrated manner with local addiction treatment services. Child Protective Services workers are trained in family engagement with family mentors using a system-of-care and team decision-making approach with families, treatment providers and the courts.
- **Substance Abuse Specialists in Child Welfare Agencies and Dependency Courts: Considerations for Program Designers and Evaluators:** This document focuses on one particular model of collaboration, the placing of substance abuse specialists in either child welfare offices or dependency courts to ensure that parents are assessed as quickly as possible, to improve parent engagement and retention in treatment, to streamline entry into treatment, and to provide consultation to child welfare and dependency court workers. In addition to briefly describing substance abuse specialist programs and their various components, this paper includes findings from eight qualitative interviews of programs that place substance abuse specialists in child welfare offices or dependency courts.

