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in Practice & Policy:*



What Works for Families Affected by Substance Use

Garden Grove, CA • August 1–3, 2016



This conference is dedicated entirely to the critical topic of substance abuse and its affect for children and families, in particular those involved with child welfare. CWLA is committed to having a conference that highlights the exciting work taking place across the country to improve the outcomes and well-being for these children, youth, and families. In keeping with the CWLA *National Blueprint for Excellence in Child Welfare*, this conference will feature evidence-informed and evidence-based programs and practices, emerging best practices, multidisciplinary collaborative approaches, along with, key policy and research that lead to effective services for the children, youth, and families. We hope you will join your peers to hear about and share knowledge and best practices in changing systems and practices to meet the vision that “all children will grow up safely, in loving families and supportive communities, with everything they need to flourish.”

Who should attend: professionals and agency managers and leaders in the field of child welfare, substance use treatment, mental health especially for children and youth, maternal and child health, as well as, juvenile and family court judges and attorneys, law enforcement, prosecutors, prevention specialists, physicians, nurses, researchers, educators, and Tribal communities.

Call for Proposals:

The announcement will be released *May 18, 2015*

Key Areas of Focus:

Effective System Level Program & Policy Strategies:

- Collaborative Approaches for Working across System
- Data, Joint Accountability, and Shared Outcomes
- Innovative Funding Methods
- Evaluation and Cost Studies
- Training and Workforce Development to include Kinship and Foster Parents

Effective Program Level Strategies:

- Family Based Models—such as Collaborative Courts and Innovative Child Welfare initiatives
- Trauma-Informed Approaches • Peer Mentors
- Kinship and Foster

Effective Practice and Clinical Strategies for Addressing the Needs of:

- Substance Exposed Infants
- Young and School Age Children with developmental and Mental Health considerations
- Parents with Substance Use and Co-Occurring Mental Disorders
- Rural and Tribal Communities

Lodging: Hyatt Regency Orange County
\$138 per night plus tax and fees (Federal Gov Rate)

Exhibitors: To apply for space or ask questions about exhibiting or advertising, please contact Exhibits@cwla.org.

Conference registration: begins July 13, 2015

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