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**What Works
for Families
Affected by
Substance Use**

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August 1–3, 2016 ■ Hyatt Regency ■ Orange County, California



Advancing Excellence in Practice & Policy: **What Works For Families Affected By Substance Use**

Colleagues and friends,

You are invited to join us for the **2016 National Conference, *Advancing Excellence in Practice and Policy: What Works For Families Affected By Substance Use*** which promises to highlight research, cutting edge programs, practices, and policies that public and private agencies can use to serve children, youth, and families affected by substance use. There is an ongoing need to ensure progress for children and youth where substance use has impacted their health and well-being either directly or through their family.



Addressing issues that pertain to the impact that substance use has on the children, youth, and families that come into contact with the child welfare system and encouraging additional collaboration between child welfare and the substance use treatment systems are two goals of the conference. Over the three days of the conference, you will hear from your peers, experts, and families about innovative ways to collaboratively advance these goals in agencies and communities. You will also experience informative and engaging workshops, super sessions, and expert sessions featuring speakers from federal/state/county level public and private child welfare agencies, the dependency courts, federal/state/county level substance use prevention, intervention and treatment agencies, and research organizations. Special interest sessions include the faith-based community, fatherhood, military families, and Latino and Native American families.

We are especially pleased to have developed this conference in partnership with our member organization, Children and Family Futures (CFF). CFF has added their years of experience operating the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare and their deep relationship in the field of substance use to the broad knowledge base of the Conference Planning Committee to create an extraordinary conference. We thank the sponsors and exhibitors for supporting this conference and encourage others to join this great group as a display of commitment to excellence in services for children, families, and communities that are most challenged. We encourage you to join us and address one of the most critical issues that is negatively impacting our shared commitment to advancing child and family well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine James Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine James-Brown, CWLA President & CEO

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 31

- 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration
12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Preconference Institutes

Monday, August 1

- 7:30 am – 5:30 pm Registration
7:30 am – 8:45 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
9:00 am – 10:30 am Opening Plenary
10:30 am Break in Exhibit Hall
11:00 am – 12:30 pm Super Sessions & Workshop Sessions
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Super Sessions & Workshop Sessions
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm Workshop Sessions
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, August 2

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration
8:30 am – 10:00 am Super Sessions & Workshop Sessions
10:00 am Break in Exhibit Hall
10:30 am – 12:00 pm Super Sessions & Workshop Sessions
12:15 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch Plenary
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Workshop Sessions
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Exhibit Hall – Networking

Wednesday, August 3

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
9:15 am – 10:45 am Workshop Sessions
11:00 am – 12:15 pm Ask the Expert Sessions
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm Closing Plenary
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Post Conference Meetings



CWLA CONFERENCE BOOKSTORE

Visit the CWLA Bookstore in the Exhibit Hall for the double special issue of the *Child Welfare* journal on Substance Use (Vol. 94, Nos. 4 & 5). The issues are hot off the press and considered required reading for anyone who works with children, youth and families affected by substance use.

Many contributing authors are also featured conference speakers. This is a terrific opportunity to meet them one-on-one and request an autographed copy!

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CWLA Member Rate: \$28.00 each



Mary Chaliman

Mary Chaliman, is Manager of the Protect MiFamily Project and the Child Welfare Medical Unit in the Office of Child Welfare Policy and Programs for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. When substance use touched her family, Mary became the relative caregiver, licensed foster parent, and then the adoptive parent of her granddaughter.



Dr. Kimberly A. Johnson

Dr. Kimberly A. Johnson, began her tenure as Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in February 2016. Previously, she was the Deputy Director for Operations of CHES/NIATx, a research center at the University of Wisconsin, Madison that focuses on systems improvement in behavioral health.



Rafael López

Rafael López, Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth & Families (ACYF), is a results-driven leader with experience in helping lead complex organizations focused on improving the lives of children, families and communities. He most recently served as Senior Policy Advisor at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and previously as Associate Director at the Annie E. Casey Foundation.



David Sheff

David Sheff, is author of *Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction*, a New York Times #1 bestseller. The riveting page-turner recounts Sheff's struggle to help his son Nic overcome his methamphetamine addiction. His ongoing research and reports on the science of addiction earned him a place on Time magazine's list of most influential people.



Dr. Nancy K. Young

Dr. Nancy K. Young, is Executive Director of Children and Family Futures (CFF), a California-based research and policy institute. She also serves as: Director of the federally-funded National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare; Director of the Administration on Children and Families technical assistance program for the Regional Partnership Grants; and Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's technical assistance program for Family Drug Courts.

SUPER SESSIONS

Addiction, Treatment and Recovery: Implications for Child Welfare Policy and Practice

This super session will focus on the neuroscience of addiction, including the chronic effects of addiction on the brain, the recovery process and advances in substance use disorder treatment. Attendees will gain insight into how the treatment and recovery process impacts child welfare outcomes and will learn how child welfare can be a good consumer of substance use disorder treatment services.

Developing a Plan of Safe Care for Infants with Prenatal Substance Exposure and their Mothers: Collaborative Approaches Learned in a Six State Initiative

This super session will feature the lessons learned from the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare's Substance Exposed Infant Initiative, a two-year SAMHSA-funded project with six states to strengthen their capacity to serve pregnant women with substance use disorders, particularly those with opioid use disorders and their infants with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. Child welfare, substance use disorder treatment, medical care providers, and researchers have made significant collaborative efforts at the state and local level to address the needs of infants who have been prenatally exposed to substances.

Family Drug Courts: Children's Interventions to Improve Outcomes

This super session will present data and outcome findings from local and cross-site evaluations to demonstrate how incorporating children's interventions within Family Drug Courts (FDC) leads to improved child welfare, substance use treatment, and family outcomes.

Built from a common vision and extraordinary cross-system collaborative effort, the FDC movement has emerged as one of the promising models for improving outcomes for children and families affected by substance use disorders in the child welfare system.

Effective Practice and Clinical Strategies Across the Continuum of Child Welfare Services for Addressing the Needs of Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and Other Conditions Related to Prenatal Substance Exposure

Emerging research has highlighted the large population of children in child welfare who have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and other conditions related to prenatal substance exposure who go undiagnosed or are misdiagnosed and are not having their needs met. This super session will help providers understand what works and increase the effectiveness of services to meet the specialized needs of these children.



ASK THE EXPERT SESSIONS

The conference will offer twelve expert sessions that are intended to provide attendees with a forum to have in-depth discussions and delve deeper into specific topics with experts. The sessions will build on the conference workshop and super session topics and are designed to be a discussion among peers on successful strategies. Topic areas include: collaborative approaches, adoption and kinship care, infants with prenatal substance exposure, family drug courts, identification of substance use disorders and engagement in treatment, addiction 101, medication assisted treatment and opioid use disorders, funding strategies and information sharing, children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and other conditions related to prenatal substance exposure, accreditation, and fatherhood.

The Importance of Relationships in Family Drug Court: Enhancing Well-Being for Children and Families Using a Team Approach

Project Safe Start Nebraska successfully enhanced services for young children in Family Drug Court (FDC) in Lancaster County. The FDC team developed an infusion model that incorporates the principles of Project Safe Start but also includes all substance abuse cases. Participants will learn evidence-based practices for substance abuse and early childhood mental health and trauma. This court's practice and process works on all relationships including those between team and parent, parents and children, and the court and the team.

Innovative Approaches for Child Welfare Engaged Families Experiencing Substance Abuse Disorders, Complex Trauma and Mental Health Difficulties

This workshop will highlight several interventions designed to treat child welfare engaged families experiencing substance use disorders, complex trauma and mental health difficulties. The workshop will review progressive strategies utilized to promote successful family outcomes for both parents and children. The workshop will also highlight outcome and cost-benefit findings from an evaluation study examining effectiveness of full family treatment and sober supportive housing.

Even With a Substance Abuse History, Fathers Play a Key Role in the Lives of Their Children

This workshop introduces Project Fatherhood, an innovative, theoretically sound, evidence-informed model of practice to reduce risks to children by engaging fathers in their care and development with a special focus on substance abuse. Participants will learn to identify and overcome individual and

systemic barriers; methods for ensuring father inclusion; long term effects of father involvement; and strategies to create and/or replicate the program in diverse communities.

Successful Substance Abuse and Therapeutic Program Elements for Young Children and Their Families in Child Welfare

This workshop will provide a national perspective on young children's involvement in child welfare, including for family substance abuse, and the landscape of programs designed to meet their needs. The Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) model, an evidence-supported CPS intervention for substance use and child maltreatment, will be highlighted. START strategies will be described, as well as implementation lessons learned and outcomes, including lower recurrence and re-entry rates, in a rural Appalachian county.



Integrated Housing and Service Models for Child Welfare Involved Families Affected by Homelessness and Substance Use

Homeless families involved with the child welfare system and affected by substance use disorders must have access to a comprehensive array of housing and service options to help them succeed in their recovery. Participants will learn about: collaborative strategies for improving care coordination between housing, child welfare and treatment systems; evidence-based housing and service models for homeless child-welfare involved families affected by substance use; and effective family-centered practices for serving parents with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and their children.

Changing the Odds — Celebrating Families!, ¡Celebrando Familias!

Celebrating Families! (CF!) and ¡Celebrando Familias! are family-focused, trauma-informed, skill building programs developed for dependency drug courts (DDC). Incorporating research from the fields of prevention, addiction, and learning differences, CF! increases protective factors and decreases risk factors. Evaluation outcomes from multiple sites show significant positive results in learning and applying parenting skills and improved family dynamics with significantly increased family reunification rates and decreased time to reunification.

Partnering with Courts to Better Address Substance Use in Dependency and Neglect Cases

Partnering with courts to improve the way dependency cases with substance use are handled can be challenging at the state and local levels. Participants will learn about: court programs and multi-disciplinary approaches that better address substance use, including a new initiative known as the Dependency and Neglect System Reform Program; effectively engaging key judicial leaders to better address substance use; and strategies for building partnerships with the Court Improvement Program to better address substance use.

***A full list of our 60+ workshop sessions is available at:
www.cwla.org/SubstanceUseConference.***

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference registration is available online at www.cwla.org/SubstanceUseConference.

Registration Fees

Full Conference Registration*:

CWLA Member – \$595

Non-Member – \$695

One-Day - Monday Only – \$295

One-Day - Tuesday Only – \$295

One-Day - Wednesday Only – \$200

Presenter – \$395

Resource Parent (Foster/Adoptive/Kinship) – \$395

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Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available at the conference. This program has been approved for CEUs by the NASW Washington State Chapter. Licensed social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors are eligible. Provider number is #1975-176. Conference participants must sign-in with the conference registration desk and submit session evaluations to receive credit.

CEUs Fees:

CWLA Members – \$35 • Non-Members – \$50

CEUs/CLEs from NAADAC and ABA will also be available at the conference for addiction and legal professionals. Visit the conference registration desk onsite at the conference for participation details.



HOTEL

Hyatt Regency Orange County

11999 Harbor Boulevard
Garden Grove, CA 92840
(714) 750-1234
Conference Room Rate: \$150 (single/double)

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel. You can make reservations by calling 1-888-421-1442 and requesting the “Child Welfare League of America” room block or online via the conference website: www.cwla.org/SubstanceUseConference.

Room availability and special rates are guaranteed only until July 8, 2016, or until the space is filled.

TRAVEL

The closest airports are John Wayne/Orange County Airport (SNA) — 13 miles and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) — 35 miles. A map of the area, driving directions, and ground transportation options are available at <http://orangecounty.hyatt.com>

Hyatt Regency Orange County is a Disneyland® Good Neighbor hotel and offers shuttle transportation to and from the theme parks.

CWLA is pleased to offer conference registrants Disneyland® Resort Theme Park specially-priced, discount tickets. A ticket store link will be shared with attendees after conference registration.

If you have questions or need assistance, please e-mail SubstanceUse@cwla.org.



New from
CWLA
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Working with Traumatized Children

THIRD EDITION

A Handbook for Healing

by Kathryn Brohl

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Space is limited to the first 30 vendors. Register today!

CWLA vendors can enjoy two full days of exhibiting, a host of events in the exhibit hall, our conference attendee mailing lists for pre- and post-conference marketing, and a complimentary conference registration with access to sessions, workshops, networking, and meals. Shake hands with customers, educate your peers, launch new products, and gain priceless feedback from both current and prospective clients. Meeting customers at their ultimate point of purchase builds confidence and trust.

We've introduced new sponsorship opportunities, though we still make available our oldies but goodies: the tote bag sponsorship, conference lanyards, meal functions and conference Twitter. There's an opportunity for nearly every vendor and budget. Contact Exhibits@cwla.org to sponsor this year's conference.

Thanks to our conference sponsors for their generous support!



This conference is co-sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).



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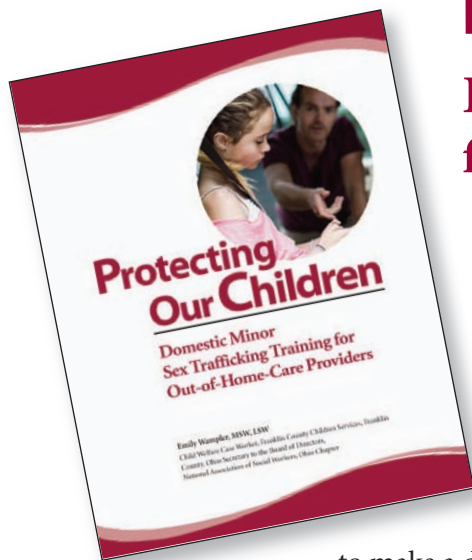
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Protecting Our Children

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Training for Out-of-Home Care Providers



This curriculum utilizes a train-the-trainer model, and was designed for social workers and other professional and paraprofessionals to engage others in learning how to identify, report, and prevent Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) in the community at large and in out-of-home care (OHC) settings (foster care, residential facilities, group homes, drop-in centers, homeless shelters, juvenile justice settings, aftercare programming).

The OHC target audience for the curriculum was chosen due to the frequent contact these providers have with victims, and due to their ability to make a difference. However, the train-the-trainer model also can be used by concerned citizens and for individual, personal, and professional development in regard to outreach education.

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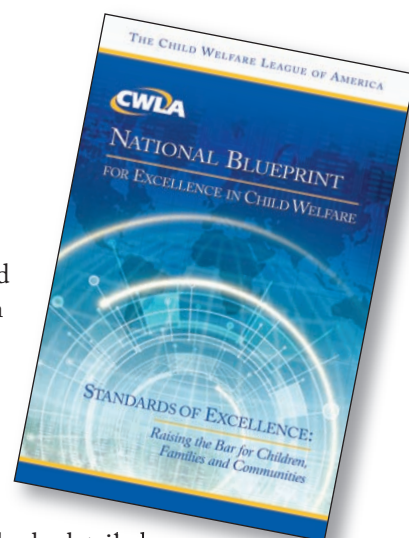


NATIONAL BLUEPRINT FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD WELFARE

The CWLA *National Blueprint* states that it will take the combined knowledge, skills, and resources of all systems, services, communities, and individuals to ensure that all children will grow up safely, in loving families and supportive communities, with everything they need to flourish—and with connections to their culture, ethnicity, race and language.

The CWLA *National Blueprint* serves as a foundation for our *Standards of Excellence* and a framework for all children, youth and families to flourish.

Although the formal child welfare system has a specific role to play for children who have been or are at risk of abuse and neglect, responsibility for the well-being of children and youth extends well beyond traditional child welfare. By aspiring to the standards detailed in the CWLA *National Blueprint*, families, individuals, communities, providers, and other organizations can create the greatest opportunities for all children and youth to succeed and flourish. It is only by achieving a vision for all children and youth that the most vulnerable among them can flourish.



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