



Consortium Members

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Introduction and Background

- Jointly funded by
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA/CSAT) and
 - Administration on Children and Families, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (ACF/OCAN)
- Federal Project Officer is Sharon Amatetti (SAMHSA/CSAT) and Federal representatives are Catherine Nolan and Irene Bocella (ACF/OCAN)
- Now in its fifth year



Introduction and Background

- Collaborative approach was used to address cross system issues and has enabled the NCSACW to be successful in meeting program objectives and accomplishing its goals
 - Consortium members from associations in the field of substance abuse, child welfare, and the courts



Objectives

- Share knowledge across systems: substance abuse, child welfare, dependency court
- Promote understanding of cross systems issues and to advance cross-system collaboration
- Increase awareness of cross systems issues and approaches
- Facilitate communication across systems
- Provide technical assistance to State teams
- Improve outcomes for children and adults



Major Accomplishments

- Provided In-depth Technical Assistance to 9 States and 1 Tribe

Arkansas

Michigan

Texas

Colorado

Minnesota

Virginia

Florida

New York

Massachusetts

Squaxin Island Tribe

- Responded to 150-200 TA requests per year
- Developed a website that receives 200-250 thousand hits per month



Major Accomplishments

- Launched two on-line tutorials
- Sponsored and co-sponsored two national conferences
- Developed inter-agency communication protocols
- Develop shared values and principles statement across systems



Consortium Approach

- Serve as a model for cross systems collaboration in the field
- Participate and communicate on regularly scheduled conference calls
- Share knowledge and information about their own system and learn about each others' system
- Collaborate on meeting planning and review products
- Advance cross systems knowledge and understanding
- Promote communication and systems collaboration



Consortium Staff Involve Their Own Association Members

- Obtain recommendations for Expert Panel members
- Communicate with leadership regarding NCSACW activities (e.g. Board of Directors, leaders in respective fields)
- Exchange information between members and NCSACW through existing organizational vehicles (e.g. NASADAD Child Welfare Committee)
- Participate in technical assistance activities with members
- Invite members to participate in NCSACW Workgroup
- Work with members on developing and refining values and principles statement



Benefits of the Consortium Approach

- Modeled cross systems collaboration at the association level
- Enabled a core group of individuals to further develop expertise in cross systems collaboration
- Informed leaders in consortium associations and in the field about cross systems collaboration, issues, approaches, and progress



Benefits of the Consortium Approach

- Advanced the substance abuse treatment, child welfare, and dependency court field in cross systems collaboration by
 - Developing agreed upon values and principles
 - Providing technical assistance to State teams
 - Developing and sharing knowledge about improved cross system practices
- Contributed to improved practices that will benefit children and families



Consortium Members

- National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
- American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)/National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators (NAPCWA)
- Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)
- National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)



National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)

Members: State Alcohol and Other Drug Directors who manage the Public Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment System

Vision: Universal access to quality substance abuse services

Mission: To promote effective and efficient Substance Abuse Services Systems in five major areas

- Promote Effective State Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Policies, Programs, and Strategies
- Foster Partnerships Among States and with Federal Agencies and Other Mission-Related Organizations
- Develop and Disseminate Knowledge of Effective Substance Abuse Policy, Programs, and Strategies
- Promote State Substance Abuse Performance Accountability
- Promote Understanding of Prevention, Addiction, and Recovery Processes and Services



American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) National Association of State Child Welfare Public Administrators (NAPCWA)

APHSA Members

Three types: 1) State Human Services Agencies; 2) Local Public Human Services Agencies; and 3) Individual Professional Affiliates

APHSA Mission

To develop, promote, and implement public human service policies and practices that improve the health and well-being of families, children, and adults

NAPCWA Members

Regular members include administrators and other individuals who work in the state or local public child welfare agencies. Associate members include child welfare advocacy agencies, research organizations, consultants and private child welfare agencies



American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)
National Association of State Child Welfare Public
Administrators (NAPCWA)

NAPCWA Vision

Ensuring that children in the public child welfare system have safe, permanent homes by supporting and enhancing the system's ability to successfully implement effective programs, practices, and policies

NAPCWA Mission

To be recognized as the national leader in promoting sound public policy, model programs and practices, and critical capacity building resources needed to achieve positive outcomes for children and families



Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

■ **Mission**

- We are the Child Welfare League of America. It is our highest mission to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families. We advocate for the advancement of public policy, we set and promote the standards for best practice, and we deliver superior membership services.

■ **Vision**

- Our vision is that every child will grow up in a safe, loving and stable family. CWLA will lead the nation in building public will to realize this vision.

■ **Organizational Value Statements**

- As an organizational value, we are committed to excellence in all we undertake, with an emphasis on providing services that are highly valued and that enhance the capacity and promote the success of all those we serve.



National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

Our members - more than 1,700 judges, referees, commissioners, masters and other juvenile and family law professionals

Our vision - That every child and young person be reared in a safe, permanent, and nurturing family, where love, self-control, concern for others, and responsibility for the consequences of one's actions are experienced and taught as fundamental values for a successful life. The NCJFCJ seeks a society in which every child and every family in need of judicial oversight has access to fair, effective, and timely justice.



National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

Our mission - to assist the nation's juvenile and family courts in fulfilling this vision by:

- Improving the standards, practices, and effectiveness of the nation's juvenile and family courts;
- Providing training for judges and others who serve in these courts;
- Providing support for judges through continuing education, research, publications, and technical assistance;
- Providing technical support to court systems regarding their structure, management, and procedures;
- Contributing to the development of national policy, standards, and procedures regarding children and families;
- Acknowledging and upholding the rights of victims, the safety of all family members, and the safety of the community;
- Informing the nation as to the work of the juvenile and family courts.



National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)

Our Vision

Every Indian child must have access to community-based, culturally appropriate services, that help them to grow up safe, healthy, and spiritually strong – free from abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation, and the damaging effects of substance abuse.

NICWA works to address these and similar issues through education and training, while upholding the primary goal of the Indian Child Welfare Act – keeping Indian children with Indian families.

Synthesis of Cross System Values and Principles: A National Perspective

Background

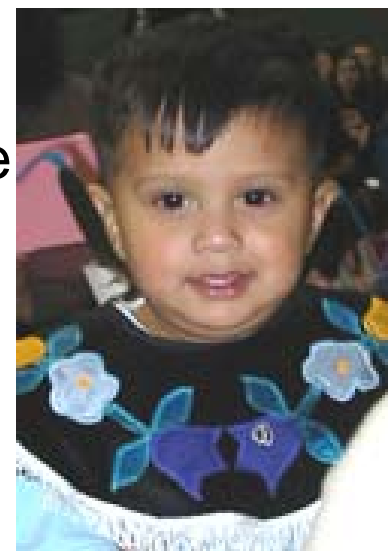
- AACAP/CWLA Values and Principles for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Supports for Children in Foster Care (2001)
- NASADAD Policy Guide on Collaborative Models for State Alcohol and Other Directors and Child Welfare Administrators (Nardini, 2004)
- NAPCWA Guidelines for a Model System of Protective Services for Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families (1999, an affiliate of APHSA)
- NCJFCJ – Key Principles for Permanency Planning for Children (October 1999)



Synthesis of Cross System Values and Principles: A National Perspective

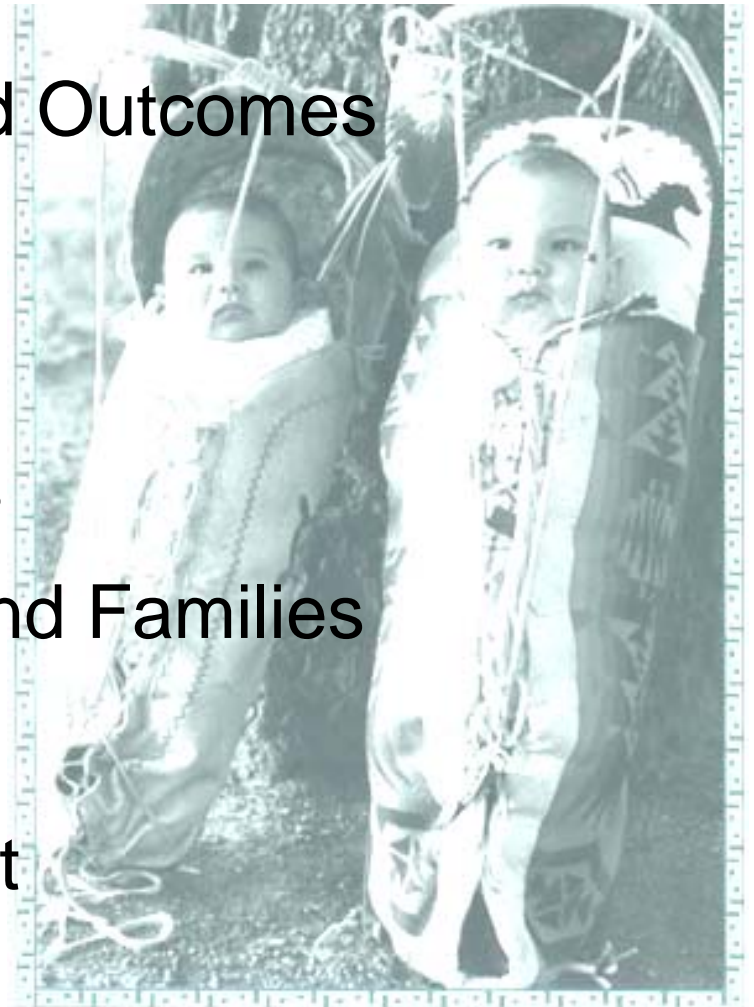
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- Building a Better Collaboration: Facilitating Change in the Court and Child Welfare System (S. Dobbin, Ph.D., S. Gatowski, Ph.D., and D. Maxwell, Ph.D., NCJFCJ, April 2004)
- Courts, Agencies, and Communities Working Together: A Strategy for Systems Change, National Judicial Curricula Series (NCJFCJ, 2000)
- NICWA Principles of Collaboration (2001)
- NCSACW Ten-Element Framework for System Linkages among Alcohol and Drug and Child Welfare Services and the Dependency Court System (2003)
- NCSACW Collaborative Values Inventory (2003)



Statement of Ideals

- ❖ Joint Accountability and Shared Outcomes
- ❖ Principles of Daily Practice
- ❖ Budgeting and Sustainability
- ❖ Working with Related Agencies
- ❖ Working with the Community and Families
- ❖ Information and Data Sharing
- ❖ Training and Staff Development





National Collaboration Awards

- Presented by

- Sharon Amatetti, MPH

- Department of Health and Human Services

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment



Special Recognition for Outstanding Efforts in Collaboration Award

- Karen Mooney, LCSW, CAC III
- Peter Panzarella, MA, MS, LADC, LPC



National Collaborative Leadership Award

- Kathryn M. Wells, MD, FAAP