



### Collaborative Values Inventory

**What Do We Believe about Alcohol and Other Drugs, Services to Children and Families and Dependency Courts?** Many collaboratives begin their work without much discussion on what their members agree or disagree about in terms of underlying values. This questionnaire is a neutral way of assessing how much a group shares ideas about values that underlie its work. It can help to identify issues that may not be raised if the collaborative begins with an emphasis on programs and operational issues, without addressing important values issues affecting their work. Learning that a group may have strong disagreements about basic assumptions that affect its community may help clarify later disagreements about less important issues which are really about underlying values.

After reviewing the results from a collaborative's scoring of the Collaborative Values Inventory, it is important to discuss the areas of common agreement and divergent views. That discussion should lead to a consensus on principles that the collaborative members agree can form the basis of state or local priorities for implementing practice and policy changes, leading to improved services and outcomes for families.

**1. Please enter the last four digits of your Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Identify your own role in your organization:**

**2. Staff Level:**

- Administrator/ Executive Leadership
- Front-line staff/Direct Service
- Judge, Judicial Officer
- Manager
- Supervisor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Gender:**

- Female
- Male

**4. Area of Primary Responsibility:**

- Attorney Practicing in Dependency Court
- Attorney Practicing in Family Drug Court
- Child Welfare
- Dependency Court Judicial Officer
- Domestic Violence
- Family Drug Court
- Mental Health
- Substance Use Disorder Services
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Jurisdiction of Agency or Court:**

- Community-Based Organization
- County
- Federal Government/National
- Judicial Circuit
- State Office
- Territory
- Tribal Government
- Within State Regional Office
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Race:**

- African-American
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Caucasian
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Ethnicity:**

- Hispanic or Latino
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ Years

**9. State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Local Level Organization (please identify your agency):** \_\_\_\_\_

**11. County or Tribe in which you work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Jurisdiction other than a county:** \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Years of professional experience in your primary program area:** \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the response category that most closely represents your extent of agreement with each of the following statements:

1) **Judges should be involved with planning community-wide responses to problems associated with alcohol and other drugs for the children and families involved in dependency court.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

2) **In our community, agencies should do more to involve people from the community and court system in planning and evaluating programs that serve families affected by substance use disorders.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

3) **In our community, agencies should do more to involve people from the community and court system in planning and evaluating programs that serve families affected by child abuse/neglect.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

4) **In our community, dependency courts do a good job of involving people from the community in planning and evaluating services and programs in the dependency court.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

5) **The standard for deciding when to remove or reunify children with their parents who have a substance use disorder should be whether the parents are fully abstaining from alcohol or other drugs.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

6) **People with substance use disorders have a disease for which they need treatment.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

7) **Some parents with problems with alcohol and other drugs will never succeed in treatment.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

8) **People who have alcohol use disorders cannot be effective parents.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

9) **People who use drugs, including misusing prescribed medications, cannot be effective parents.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

10) **People who have substance use disorders cannot be effective parents.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

11) **Relapse is a part of the recovery process.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

12) **For parents with substance use disorders, drug testing results are the single best indicator of whether they have successfully addressed their substance use disorder.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

- 13) Abstinence is the best way to determine if someone is successful in their substance abuse recovery efforts.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 14) Parents with substance use disorders who participate in a withdrawal management (detox) program do not need further treatment for their substance use disorder.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 15) Parents who truly love their children would just stop using drugs.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 16) The majority of persons with substance use disorders have experienced traumatic events in their life.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 17) Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are the leading cause of cognitive disability in Western civilization, including the U.S., and are 100 percent preventable.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 18) Medication assisted treatment (e.g.: methadone, buprenorphine) should be made available to pregnant women who have an opioid use disorder.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 19) Programs that provide methadone or other opiate treatment medications (such as buprenorphine/suboxone) are just substituting one drug for another.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 20) People with substance use disorders should be held fully responsible for their own actions.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 21) The dependency courts should provide increased monitoring of parents' recovery as they go through substance use disorder treatment.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 22) A parent's substance abuse relapse should immediately result in a change to the permanency plan for their children.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 23) Babies that test positive for medications (i.e., methadone, buprenorphine) prescribed to their mother by a doctor from an opioid treatment program should be removed from parental custody.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 24) Babies that test positive for illegal drugs, or prescription drug medications not prescribed to their mother, should be removed from parental custody.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

- 25) Substance use disorder treatment programs should include a trauma recovery component.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 26) Substance use disorder treatment programs should address the impact of parents' substance use disorders on the safety, permanency, and well-being of their clients' children.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 27) Children and families in the child welfare system would have better outcomes if court, substance use disorder and child welfare services collaborated on behalf of the children and families they are serving.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 28) In our community, publicly funded substance use disorder treatment providers should give a higher priority than they presently do to fathers referred from child welfare services.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 29) A parent's relapse typically leads to a collaborative intervention by substance abuse treatment and child welfare agencies to modify the treatment plan or re-engage the person in treatment, and to re-assess child safety.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 30) Confidentiality of client records is a significant barrier to allowing greater cooperation among substance use disorder treatment agencies, child welfare, and the courts.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 31) In our community, publicly-funded substance use disorder treatment providers should give higher priority than they presently do to mothers referred from child welfare services.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 32) There are effective services in our community to treat parents with substance use disorders.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 33) Persons who are in recovery and have successfully transitioned out of the child welfare system should have a role (e.g., Parent Partners, Peer Mentors, Recovery Coaches, etc.) in supporting and advocating for parents in the child welfare and dependency court systems.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 34) There are effective recovery support services in our community for parents with substance use disorders.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 35) Services to children and families would be improved if agencies were more responsive to the cultural diversity between client groups.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree
- 36) My level of competence in working with or on behalf of substance using populations is high.**
- Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**37) I believe that barriers to interagency collaboration would be reduced if child welfare staff, substance abuse treatment staff, and dependency/juvenile court staff were involved in a cross-system comprehensive training program.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**38) Our state, community, or Tribe routinely tracks and reports on the number of infants born with and identified as being affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug expose, or a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**39) Our agencies and courts do a good job in responding to the needs of American Indian children and families in the child welfare and treatment systems.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**40) Child welfare staff in my jurisdiction have adequate training, knowledge, and skills to work effectively with, or on behalf, of substance using populations.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**41) Providers in my community have the training and education to provide trauma informed care to parents with substance use disorders in the child welfare system.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**42) Child protection investigators have been trained to determine when a parent/caretaker or youth needs an assessment to identify a substance use disorder.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**43) Our system demonstrates good understanding of the complex needs, competing demands, and scheduling challenges experienced by families with substance use disorders and child welfare involvement**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**44) Child welfare system and court professionals should give higher priority than they presently do to helping the mothers of children involved in child welfare services.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**45) We should fund programs that serve families in the child welfare system based on their outcomes, not based on the number of people they serve.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**46) We should fund programs that treat parents for substance use disorders based on their outcomes, not based on the number of people they serve.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**47) Children of parents with substance use disorders and involved in the child welfare system should be targeted as a high priority group for substance use prevention services.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**48) Dealing with the problems caused by alcohol and other drugs should be one of the highest priorities for funding services in our jurisdiction.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**49) Dealing with the problems of child abuse and neglect should be one of the highest priorities for funding services in our jurisdiction.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**50) Our judges and attorneys' response to parents with substance use disorders is generally appropriate and effective.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**51) Parent attorneys have an ethical conflict if they advise parents to admit to a substance abuse problem, or to seek treatment prior to the court taking jurisdiction in a case, because the substance abuse admission could be negatively interpreted during the investigation of the child abuse and neglect allegations.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**52) Child welfare service outcome measures should address the impact of parents' substance use disorders on the parents' ability to be effective parents.**

Strongly Agree                      Somewhat Agree                      Somewhat Disagree                      Strongly Disagree

**53) The proportion of parents who will succeed in treatment for substance use disorders is approximately (circle one):**

0% - 20%    30% - 40    50% - 60%    70% - 80%    90% - 100%

**54) The proportion of parents in substantiated child welfare cases who will succeed with their child welfare case plan is (circle one):**

0% - 20%    30% - 40    50% - 60%    70% - 80%    90% - 100%

**55) The most important change my agency could make to ensure better outcomes for families in the system affected by substance use disorders would be:**

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For technical assistance on administering the Collaborative Values Inventory, please contact the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare via email at [ncsacw@cffutures.org](mailto:ncsacw@cffutures.org) or by phone at (866) 493-2758.

For ease of administration and analysis, we do not recommend manual administration of this instrument.