



## **Collaborative Values Inventory: What Do We Believe about Prenatal Exposure to Alcohol and Illegal Drugs and the Current Policy and Practice Responses to this Problem?**

Many collaboratives begin their work without much discussion of 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 the values that underlie its work. It can surface issues that may not be raised if the collaborative begins its work with an emphasis on programs and operational issues, without addressing the important values issues affecting their work. Learning that a group may have strong disagreements about basic assumptions that affect its community's needs and resources may help the group clarify later disagreements about less important issues which are really about these more important underlying values.

After reviewing the results from a collaborative's scoring of the 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 policies changes, leading to improved services and outcomes for families.

*Identify your own role in your organization:*

### **1. Staff Level:**

- ☐ Front-line staff
- ☐ Supervisor
- ☐ Manager
- ☐ Administrator
- ☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Gender:**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

### **3. Area of Primary Responsibility:**

- ☐ Substance Abuse Services
- ☐ Child Welfare Services
- ☐ Dependency Court Judicial Officer
- ☐ Attorney Practicing in Dependency Court
- ☐ Domestic Violence
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### **4. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years**

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

- ☐ Federal Government/National
- ☐ State Office
- ☐ Within State Regional Office
- ☐ County
- ☐ Community-Based Organization
- ☐ Reservation
- ☐ Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

### **6. Race/Ethnicity:**

- ☐ African-American
- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Caucasian
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ Native American
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. I would say my familiarity with programs serving children and parents affected by prenatal substance exposure is

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
- ☐ Not very familiar
- ☐ Very little knowledge or experience

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

- 1) **Dealing with the problems caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol and illegal drugs would improve the lives of a significant number of children, families, and others in our community.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

- 2) **Dealing with the problems caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol and illegal drugs should be one of the highest priorities for funding services in our community.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

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

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

- 4) **Illegal drugs are a bigger problem in our community than use and abuse of alcohol.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

- 5) **People who abuse alcohol and other drugs have a disease for which they need treatment.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

- 6) **People who are chemically dependent have a disease for which they need treatment.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

- 7) **People who abuse alcohol and other drugs should be held fully responsible for their own actions.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**8) There is no way that a parent who abuses alcohol or other drugs can be an effective parent.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**9) There is no way that a parent who uses alcohol or other drugs can be an effective parent.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**10) There is no way that a parent who is chemically dependent on alcohol or other drugs can be an effective parent.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**11) In assessing the effects of the use of alcohol and other drugs, the standard we should use for deciding when to remove or reunify children with their parents is whether the parents are fully abstaining from use of alcohol or other drugs.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**12) Parents who have been ordered to remain clean and sober should face consequences for non-compliance with those orders.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**13) Women who are detected using alcohol while pregnant should be forced to enroll in treatment**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**14) Women who are detected using illegal drugs while pregnant should be forced to enroll in treatment**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**15) Women who self-report using alcohol or illegal drugs while pregnant and seek treatment should be enrolled in treatment as a priority client.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**16) What women do with respect to alcohol during pregnancy is their own business and should not be the basis for any action taken against them or their children.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**17) What women do with respect to illegal drugs during pregnancy should not be the basis for any action against them concerning their children, other than criminal proceedings if they have broken a law.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**18) Women who are pregnant are currently treated as a high priority for treatment in our community**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**19) We should fund programs that treat parents for their abuse of alcohol and other drugs based on their results, not based on the number of people they serve, as we often do at present.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**20) If we funded programs based on results, some programs would lose some or all of their funding.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**21) Children of substance abusers should be a high priority group for targeted substance abuse prevention services.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**22) Substance abuse treatment outcome measures should include indicators regarding the safety, permanency and well being of the children of parents who are in their treatment programs.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**23) Child welfare service outcome measures should include indicators regarding the substance abuse recovery status of parents of the children they seek to protect.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**24) Child welfare service outcome measures should include indicators regarding the parents' ability to be effective parents.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**25) Doctors in our community are familiar with methods of screening pregnant women for substance use.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**26) Doctors in our community are doing an adequate job of screening pregnant women for substance use**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**27) Doctors in our community are familiar with treatment resources available for pregnant women who are using alcohol or illegal drugs and want to get treatment.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**28) Hospitals in our community do a good job of screening for newborns affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**29) Hospitals in our community do a good job of screening for newborns affected by prenatal exposure to illegal drugs.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**30) Dependency courts in our community do a good job of responding to the problems of prenatal exposure to alcohol and illegal drugs.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**31) The problems of Indian children and families affected by prenatal substance exposure are significant in our community.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

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

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**33) Sometimes child protective services agencies remove children from families where the parents could have done an adequate job of parenting if they had been given some support.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**34) Our agencies and the court system do a good job of identifying the developmental delays that affect some children who were prenatally exposed to alcohol or illegal drugs.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**35) Our agencies and the court system do a good job of responding to the developmental delays that affect some children who were prenatally exposed to alcohol or illegal drugs.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**36) The dependency courts should provide increased monitoring of parents' recovery as they go through substance abuse treatment, and should use the power of the court to sanction parents if they don't comply with treatment requirements.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**37) The most important causes of the problems of children and families cannot be addressed by government; they need to be addressed within the family and by non-governmental organizations such as churches, neighborhood organizations, and self-help groups.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**38) Our judges and attorneys' response to parents with problems of addiction is generally appropriate and effective.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**39) The price of alcohol and tobacco should be increased to a point where it pays for the damage caused in the community by use and abuse of these legal drugs.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**40) I believe that confidentiality of client records is a significant barrier to allowing greater cooperation among alcohol and drug treatment, children's services agencies, and the courts.**

Strongly Agree      Somewhat Agree      Somewhat Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**41) I believe that publicly-funded alcohol and drug treatment providers should give higher priority in allocating treatment slots than they do at present to women referred from child protective services.**

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**42) . Attorneys who represent parents in dependency court proceedings have an ethical conflict if they advise parents to admit that they have 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

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

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**44) The proportion of parents who will succeed in treatment for alcohol and other drug problems is approximately (circle one).**

0%   10%   20%   30%   40%   50%   60%   70%   80%   90%   100%

**45) The proportion of parents in substantiated CPS cases who will succeed in family services, regain custody of their children, and not re-abuse or re-neglect is (circle one).**

0%   10%   20%   30%   40%   50%   60%   70%   80%   90%   100%