

Family Centered Services for Indian Children Impacted by Family Substance Use Disorders Webinar (June 10, 2008)

Interactive Exercise Family Assessment Questions

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1. What major obstacles have you faced in making good, sound assessments of families with substance use disorders and child abuse and/or neglect issues? (one response)

- Identifying programs to serve families' ancillary needs
- Confidentiality
- Interviewing extended family members
- Engaging the family in the assessment process
- Identifying family strengths

2. Which of these are the most difficult obstacles to handle?

3. What is the most effective solution or helpful idea for dealing with these obstacles? (one response)

- Developing screening and assessment protocols that identify substance use disorders early
- Training for child welfare workers on substance use disorders, treatment and recovery
- Sharing information with service providers while protecting confidentiality
- Engaging partner agencies in collaboration
- Training for child welfare workers on ways to promote safe, healthy and culturally strong environments

