



# CHILDREN AND FAMILY FUTURES

Strengthening Partnerships, Improving Family Outcomes

## Timeline of Major CFF Initiatives

1996	Began the evaluation of the Sacramento County, CA initiative to provide training on addiction, treatment, and recovery to the entire workforce of the Department of Health and Human Services entitled, Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Initiative.
1997	California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), Technical Assistance on Women and Children's Services.
1998	Participated in <i>Addressing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Barriers to Employment through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families</i> regional meetings to foster strategies to address challenges in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reform for families affected by substance use and mental health. Supported by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
1999	<p><b>Orange County Needs-Based Treatment Intervention for Mother's Engagement (ONTIME)</b>, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Grant in which four women in recovery with experiential knowledge of the child welfare system were trained in motivational interviewing and out-stationed at the dependency court to help engage women in substance use disorder services.</p>
	Conducted the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s Stakeholder Meeting on implementing the recommendations in <b>Blending Perspectives and Building Common Ground   ASPE (hhs.gov)</b> .
2000	<p><b>Family Drug Treatment Courts (FDTC), Process Documentation and Retrospective Outcome Evaluation:</b> First phase of a federally supported five-year evaluation study of FDTCs. The retrospective study of five FDTCs identified specific components, including increased judicial oversight and contact with families, lower caseloads allowing caseworkers to dedicate more time to families, and interagency collaboration, that contribute to improved family outcomes. FDTCs included in the study were Jackson County, Missouri; San Diego County, California; Santa Clara County, California; Suffolk County, New York; and Washoe County, Nevada.</p>
	Participated in regional meetings on the implications of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-89) for families affected by substance use disorders and administered Collaborative Values Inventories with state teams.

2001	Began the evaluation of the <b>Sacramento Dependency Drug Court</b> . Pioneered data matching across child welfare and substance use disorder administrative data systems to study and monitor comprehensive outcomes for families affected by substance use disorders. CFF has partnered with Sacramento County continuously since this date on their comprehensive efforts to expand and reach new populations with their family treatment court and recovery coaching model.
2000 to 2015	<b>Connecticut for Strategic Planning</b> : The first state CFF worked with to conduct a state-wide strategic planning effort to implement changes in practice and policy focused on the population of families in child welfare services with substance use disorders. Subsequent efforts under the NCSACW (2014-2021) focused on infants with prenatal alcohol and substance exposure.
2002 to 2007	<b>National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare</b> (NCSACW): The initial award of SAMHSA contract, co-funded by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children’s Bureau, to develop knowledge and provide technical assistance on substance abuse and child welfare. The contract included the <b>In-Depth Technical Assistance</b> (IDTA) program which advances the capacity of states, tribes, and their community partner agencies to improve the safety, health, permanency, well-being, and recovery outcomes for families affected by substance use disorders.
2003	Women, Children and Family Substance Abuse Treatment Issues Subcontract with JBS, supported by SAMHSA, the project published <b><i>Family-Centered Treatment for Women with Substance Use Disorders: History, Key Elements and Challenges</i></b> .
2004	The first <i>NCSACW National Conference on Substance Abuse, Child Welfare, and the Courts, Putting the Pieces Together for Children and Families</i> , held in conjunction with the <i>National Conference on Family-Centered Treatment for Women with Substance Use Disorders</i> . The conferences were held in Baltimore, MD. The women’s treatment conference was conducted under the Women, Children and Family Substance Abuse Treatment Issues subcontract with JBS.
2007	The second <b>NCSACW National Conference on Substance Abuse, Child Welfare, and the Courts, Putting the Pieces Together for Children and Families</b> , held in Anaheim, CA.
	The <b>NCSACW II</b> contract was awarded by SAMHSA and co-funded by the Children’s Bureau. The Children's Bureau awarded the <b>Regional Partnership Grants Support Contract</b> to provide programmatic and evaluation training and technical assistance to 53 <b>Regional Partnership Grants</b> and produce an annual report to Congress.

2009	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) <b>National Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Provider</b> (FDC TTA).
2011	The third <i>National Conference on Substance Abuse, Child Welfare and the Courts, Putting the Pieces Together for Children and Families</i> . Hosted in National Harbor, MD and in partnership with the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. NCSACW awarded six National Collaborative Leadership Awards in recognition of innovations and efforts to create and promote organizational change and effective collaborative practices to improve outcomes for families affected by substance use disorders.
2012	<b>Children Affected by Methamphetamine</b> (CAM), a program of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment which provided programmatic technical assistance and performance monitoring with family treatment courts to enhance services to children.
2012 to 2017	<b>NCSACW III</b> contract awarded by SAMHSA co-funded by Children’s Bureau.
2012	<b>OJJDP National Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance II</b> contract.
	Technical assistance to support 17 RPG partnerships in 15 states was folded into the NCSACW contract. The partnerships were required to implement evidence-based and trauma-informed program models.
	<b>Peer Learning Courts</b> (PLC): OJJDP supported Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance program. The program highlights national best practice models for family treatment courts (FTCs), while increasing knowledge and innovative practice through peer-to-peer learning.
2013	<b>Strong Families, Strong Children (SFSC) Collaborative</b> : A community-based collaborative of five nonprofit agencies serving the growing needs of veteran- and military-connected families. SFSC provides comprehensive, military/veteran culturally-sensitive supportive services including mental health treatment, housing, basic needs, employment resources, domestic violence prevention and intervention, and legal support. Peer Navigators, who are veterans themselves and/or military connected, provide support and services to military families.
	SFSC awarded funding from Mental Health Services Act Innovations (MHSA) for the <i>Behavioral Health Services of Veterans</i> program. Funds support comprehensive services provided to military/veteran families by SFSC.

2014	Awarded technical assistance contract by Children’s Bureau to support four RPG partnerships. The partnerships were required to implement evidence-based and trauma-informed program models.
2014 to 2019	Awarded OJJDP contract which included technical assistance a provision for the <b>Statewide System Improvement Program</b> (SSIP). The program leveraged decades of research on the FTC model and supported states and communities to adopt more effective practices across broader family and juvenile court dockets.
2014	<b>Prevention and Family Recovery</b> (PFR), funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and The Duke Endowment, helped eight established FTCs integrate and institutionalize evidence-based parenting services and developmental and therapeutic services for children into their larger systems of care.
2015	SFSC awarded funding from Orange County Community Foundation for the Orange County Veterans Initiative. Funds support comprehensive services provided by SFSC.
2016	The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016 amended sections of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), including the <b>Plan of Safe Care</b> for infants with prenatal substance exposure. The NCSACW IDTA program shifted its focus to assist states in developing policies and protocols to align with the amended prenatal substance exposure provisions now working with sites to improve outcomes for pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders, their infants, and their families.
	OJJDP National Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance III contract.
	SFSC awarded re-funding from Orange County Prevention and Intervention funding for the <i>Behavioral Health Services of Veteran Families</i> program.
	Partnered with the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) to host the <b>2016 CWLA National Conference, Advancing Excellence in Practice and Policy, What Works for Families Affected by Substance Use</b> . The conference was dedicated entirely to the topic of substance use and its effects on children, youth, and families involved with child welfare.

	<p><i>Continuum of Care for Veteran Families</i>, SFSC awarded funding from MHSA to serve and train veteran families and military connected families in Family Resource Centers.</p>
2017	<p><b>National Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams</b> (QIC-CCCT), supported by ACYF, Children’s Bureau. An initiative to enhance and expand court teams’ collaborative capacity to address the needs of infants, young children, and their families affected by substance use disorders and prenatal substance exposure. The program assisted court sites with implementation of the Plan of Safe Care and other provisions for infants with prenatal substance exposure in the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act.</p>
	<p><b>NCSACW IV</b> contract awarded by SAMHSA co-funded by Children’s Bureau.</p>
	<p>PFR II, expanded to an additional four FTC sites to integrate and institutionalize evidence-based services for parents and children.</p>
	<p>RPG IV to support 17 collaborative sites as part of the NCSACW contract</p>
	<p><b>National Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) Training and Technical Assistance Program</b> established. START is a child welfare focused and collaborative based model for families affected by substance use disorders.</p>
	<p>RPG V to support ten collaborative sites as part of the NCSACW contract.</p>
2018	<p>CFF expands to 50 employees.</p>
	<p><b>Study of Veterans Needs and Treatment Courts</b>, supported by the Judicial Council of California.</p>
	<p>Supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and in partnership with Child Focus and the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, published <b><i>Implementing the Substance Use Disorder Provisions of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA): A Toolkit for Child Welfare and Treatment Stakeholders</i></b> and <b><i>FFPSA Implementation Challenges and Strategies</i></b>.</p>
2019	<p>Qualified as an <b>Indefinite Quantity Indefinite Duration (IDIQ)</b> contractor for <b>HRSA/MCHB</b> in the Technical Assistance Domain. The scope of work is TA to MCHB to support grantees and provide a range of TA to MCHB stakeholders.</p>
	<p>RPG VI to support eight collaborative sites as part of the NCSACW contract.</p>
	<p>OJJDP National Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance IV contract.</p>
	<p>START listed on <b>Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse</b>.</p>
2020	<p>START listed on <b>Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse</b>.</p>

2021	PLC Round II FTC sites under the OJJDP contract announced.
	<b>National Quality Improvement Center on Family-Centered Reunification</b> (QIC-R), collaborative partnership with the University of Maryland as the lead agency, to identify, assess, and implement promising and evidence-based practices that address the individual and collective needs of birth families/families of origin with children in foster care.
	Children and Family Futures celebrates its <i>Twenty-Fifth Anniversary</i> .
2022	START received a " <b>Supported</b> " rating from the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse.
	<b>NCSACW V</b> contract awarded by ACF, co-funded by SAMHSA.
	RPG VII to support 18 sites as part of the NCSACW contract.
	OJJDP National Family Treatment Court Training and Technical Assistance V contract.
	<b>Evaluation of Recovery Coaching Interventions in the Child Welfare Context</b> (R3-Impact), collaborative partnership with Abt Associates as the lead agency, to support communication with START replication sites and consult on key issues related to identified sites' participation in the federal evaluation.
	Agreement with <b>Children and Families Commission of Orange County</b> to implement and promote Plans of Safe Care in the Orange County (CA) perinatal health and social service systems.
	Contract with <b>Harbor Care</b> to provide training and technical assistance on best practices related to screening, assessment, and implementing a family-centered approach to Keystone Hall, a residential substance use treatment facility in New Hampshire.
	CFF expands to 60 employees.
2023	Contract with <b>Casey Family Programs</b> to provide technical assistance/consultation and create/update four briefs for child welfare stakeholders and policymakers to increase knowledge related to substance use disorders.
	Contract with the <b>State of Oklahoma – Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Use Services</b> to provide technical assistance, training, and support to assist in the development of a Family Treatment Court strategic plan.
	CFF expands to 70 employees.

<b>2024</b>	Contributed to <b>SAMHSA’s Task Force on Maternal Mental Health’s Report to Congress</b> , by conducting a literature and programmatic reviews that assessed existing national professional, medical, and advocacy organizational guidelines related to perinatal mental health and substance use prevention, screening, diagnosis, intervention, treatment and anti-stigma and other advocacy campaigns for pregnant and postpartum people.
	Contract with RTI International to provide training and technical assistance <b>Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and other Substances Use Program</b> (COSSUP) grantees to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants and other drugs.
	NCSACW V expands to support SAMHSA grant programs for Family Treatment Drug Courts (FTDC) and Pregnant and Postpartum Women (PPW).
	START expands to 8 states and 107 local jurisdictions.
	NCSACW’s In-Depth Technical Assistance (IDTA) program rebrands itself as the Family Centered System Innovation Team (FCSIT).
	PLC Round III FTC sites under the OJJDP contract announced.