

Substance Use

The Impact on Children of Caregiver Substance Use: Recommendations for Policy and Practice

The recommendations in this report are intended to serve as a research-based framework for substantial, actionable change to better meet the needs of children impacted by caregiver substance use. They provide a starting point for multi-sector partners as they develop goals, objectives, and activities to prevent harm and improve outcomes for children.

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<https://www.illuminatecolorado.org/iccsu/>

A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women With Opioid Use Disorders

This guidance publication is intended to support the efforts of states, tribes, and local communities in addressing the needs of pregnant women with opioid use disorders and their infants and families.

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https://ncsacw.samhsa.gov/files/Collaborative_Approach_508.pdf

DANSR: Dependency and Neglect System Reform

DANSR was established to increase the collective capacity of Colorado's D&N system to support and improve outcomes for families affected by substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders through infusing research-based family drug court principles into court, child welfare and treatment systems. The DANSR Approach to systems reform is based on the extensive research findings that show Family Treatment Drug Court (FTDC) programs yield more positive outcomes for families. The hypothesis is that when unbundled from a FTDC, certain key elements show promise for improving outcomes in non-FTDC cases. The DANSR approach and principles incorporate several key elements of FTDC that have been proven to generate better outcomes in dependency and neglect cases involving substance use disorders. FTDC research shows: (1) parents are more likely to attend and complete drug and alcohol treatment; (2) 90% of children stay with their families (3) 91% percent of children are reunited with their families and (4) 98% of children were not maltreated within six months of case closure.

Colorado Judicial Branch

https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Planning_and_Analysis/Family%20Law%20Programs/DANSR/DANSRinfographicsUpdated.pdf

National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare

NCSACW is a national resource center providing information, expert consultation, training and technical assistance to child welfare, dependency court and substance abuse treatment professionals to improve the safety, permanency, well-being and recovery outcomes for children, parents and families.

<https://ncsacw.samhsa.gov/default.aspx>

Parental Substance Use and the Child Welfare System

This bulletin for professionals provides child welfare workers and related professionals with information on the intersection of substance use disorders and child maltreatment and describes

strategies for prevention, intervention, and treatment, including examples of effective programs and practices.

Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2014). Parental substance use and the child welfare system. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/parentalsubabuse.pdf>

Toxicology Resource Guide

The Toxicology Resource Guide was developed to support Colorado child welfare professionals in understanding substances, possible effects and the utility and application of toxicology testing to enhance practice.

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<https://www.cotoxguide.org/>