

Quality Improvement Center ON EARLY CHILDHOOD



Promoting Optimal Development for Young Children & Their Families Affected by HIV/AIDS and/or Substance Abuse

This product was developed by the National Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood (QIC-EC). The QIC-EC is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, under Cooperative Agreement 90CA1763.

What is the Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood (QIC-EC)?



Center
for the
Study
of
Social
Policy



Five-year cooperative agreement between the Children's Bureau (ACF, USDHHS) and the Center for the Study of Social Policy, in partnership with ZERO TO THREE and the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds

Agenda

- Introductions and Overview
 - Kate Stepleton, Nancy Seibel
- Presentations, brief Q&A
 - Jeanne Pietrzak – HIV/AIDS affected families
 - Rizwan Shah – Substance affected families
 - Wendy Courts – Parent perspective
- Q & A

Goals

Participants will:

- Learn about characteristics, strengths and needs of families with young children that are impacted by HIV/AIDS and/or substance abuse
- Learn about characteristics, strengths and needs of families with young children that are affected by substance abuse
- Gain insight into the perspective of parents participating in services for substance abuse and HIV/AIDS

Introduction

- All families have strengths and challenges
- Social-ecological theory suggests that the risk of child maltreatment increases when risk factors outweigh protective factors.
- Families with HIV contend with stressors that put their infants and toddlers at risk of compromised development and potential abuse and/or neglect.
- Substance use is a factor in many CPS referrals. Evidence is more clear that alcohol can permanently damage development. The impact of other substances is less clear.

What is Optimal Development

The developing capacity of the child from birth-3 to:

- Experience, regulate and express emotions
- Form close and secure interpersonal relationships
- Explore the environment and learn

All in the context of family, community and cultural expectations for young children.

Next Up for the LN

Strengthening Families Leadership Summit,

October 28-29, 2009, Atlanta GA

www.strengtheningfamilies.net/index.php/summit

ZERO TO THREE National Training Institute,

December 4-6, 2009, Dallas TX

www.zerotothree.org

For More Information

Website: qic-ec.org

Charlyn Harper Browne, Project Director

Center for the Study of Social Policy

qic-ec@cssp.org

202-371-1565

Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood

Center for the Study of Social Policy

1575 Eye Street, NW, Suite 500

Washington, DC 20005