

# Substance Exposed Newborns:

COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES TO A COMPLEX ISSUE

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and the National Institute on Drug Abuse



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# Welcome

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**T**he National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, together with the Administration on Children, Youth & Families' Children's Bureau, the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, extend a warm welcome to the Substance Exposed Newborn Summit, *Substance Exposed Newborns: Collaborative Approaches to a Complex Issue*. This forum convenes over 200 professionals from the health, child welfare, and legal fields for interdisciplinary dialogue, information sharing, and exploration of policies and collaborative approaches with the goal of preventing, identifying, and addressing the needs of SEN. Five years have elapsed since we hosted a similar event on this topic in our nation's capitol.

We are pleased to be hosting the summit here in Old Town Alexandria. With the rich history that abounds in the Waterfront District a short distance from the hotel, replete with shops, cafes and restaurants, entertainment, and historic homes, we thought it would be an ideal location this time of year. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy the summit, as well as the locale.



# Acknowledgements

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# General Information

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## Registration and Information

The registration and information table is located in the Washington Foyer. The table will be staffed during the following hours:

Tuesday, June 22, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 23, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday, June 24, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

## Meals

Continental breakfast, morning and afternoon break refreshments, and lunch will be provided on both days. The breakfasts and breaks will be in the Washington Foyer. Wednesday's lunch will be in the Presidential Ballroom, and Thursday's lunch will be in the Washington Ballroom. For exact times of meals and breaks, please refer to the Agenda at a Glance.

## Evaluations

An evaluation form is included in your registration packet. Participants are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete the form and evaluate all of the sessions attended. Evaluation results provide important feedback for presenters and assist the AIA Resource Center in planning subsequent conferences. Please return your completed form to the registration desk in the Washington Foyer.

## Special Needs

The New Crown Plaza Old Town Alexandria is ADA compliant throughout the facility. If you have any special needs, please stop by the registration table or talk to an NAIARC staff member, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Participants are also welcome to contact hotel management for assistance.

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Continuing education credit for this event is sponsored by *The Institute for Continuing Education*. Credit is awarded on a session-by-session basis, with full attendance required for the sessions attended. The CEC table will be next to the registration table. To qualify for CECs, participants must sign in and out at the beginning and end of each day of the summit.

The SEN Summit offers 4.50 contact hours on June 23, and 5.50 contact hours on June 24, for a total of 10 contact hours for the two days. The processing fee is \$25.00 per person and may be paid with online registration or on-site. An application form for continuing education credit will be available on-site. Certificates will be mailed to CE applicants following the summit. If you have questions regarding the program or presenters, or for a listing of learning objectives by session, please contact *The Institute* at 800-557-1950; fax: 866-990-1960.

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**Skill Level of Sessions:** Due to the interdisciplinary nature of this event, the sessions have not been ranked with regard to skill level. All scheduled sessions are appropriate for professionals of all levels of expertise: introductory, intermediate, advanced. Attendees are urged to review session descriptions to determine the appropriateness for meeting personal and professional goals.

The intended audience for this event includes: *psychologists, social workers, marriage/family therapists, counselors, drug abuse counselors, and nurses.*

**Psychology:** This activity is co-sponsored by the University of California at Berkeley/National AIA Resource Center and *The Institute for Continuing Education*. *The Institute for Continuing Education* is an organization approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. *The Institute for Continuing Education* maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

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**Marriage-Family Therapy:** *The Institute for Continuing Education* is recognized as a provider of continuing education by the California Board of Sciences, Provider PCE 636.

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### **Continuing Medical Education Credits**

One continuing medical education credit is being offered for the presentation of the training DVD: *Integrating Screening and Treatment of Substance Use Into Routine Prenatal Care* through the *Lafayette Medical Education Foundation, Inc.* The presentation will take place on Wednesday, June 23 at 3:15 pm in the Jefferson Ballroom. There is no charge for this credit. Credit application forms will be available at the session.

### *Accreditation and Designation Statement for Jointly Sponsored Activities:*

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Indiana State Medical Association through the joint sponsorship of *Lafayette Medical Education Foundation, Inc.* and the National AIA Resource Center. *The Lafayette Medical Education Foundation, Inc.* is accredited by the Indiana State Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

*The Lafayette Medical Education Foundation, Inc.* designates this continuing educational activity for a maximum of (1 credit) AMA Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 Credit. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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### *Disclosure of Commercial Support:*

Having an interest or affiliation with a corporate organization does not prevent a speaker from making a presentation, but the relationship must be made known in advance to the audience, in accordance with the Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

*James Nocon, MD has no significant financial or other relationships with any corporate organization or with commercial products discussed in this presentation.*

# Agenda at a Glance

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## Substance Exposed Newborns:

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### Tuesday, June 22, 2010

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm EARLY REGISTRATION

### Wednesday, June 23, 2010

8:00 am – 9:00 am	REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:00 am – 10:30 am	WELCOME & OVERVIEW
10:30 am – 10:45 am	BREAK
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	IDENTIFYING & TREATING PREGNANT SUBSTANCE USERS
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	HOST LUNCH
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	WORKSHOP SESSION I
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	BREAK
3:15 pm – 5:00 pm	PRESENTATION OF TRAINING DVD: <i>Integrating Screening and Treatment of Substance Use into Routine Prenatal Care</i>
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	BREAK
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS

### Thursday, June 24, 2010

7:30 am – 8:30 am	REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:30 am – 10:00 am	EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS WITH SEN & THEIR FAMILIES
10:00 am – 10:15 am	BREAK
10:15 am – 11:45 am	WORKSHOP SESSION II
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	HOST LUNCH
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	WORKSHOP SESSION III
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	BREAK
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm	POLICY CHANGES TO MOVE US FORWARD

# Agenda

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Washington Foyer

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8:00 am – 9:00 am      **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
Washington Foyer

9:00 am – 10:30 am      **WELCOME & OVERVIEW**  
Presidential Ballroom

This session will provide an overview of the nature and prevalence of substance exposed newborns (SEN) in the United States, and establish the need for a multi-disciplinary approach to prevent, identify and effectively address the needs of SEN and their families. It also will summarize the federal response to these complex challenges, and share insights from one mother who used drugs while pregnant.

**PRESENTERS:** *Jeanne Pietrzak, MSW, Director, National AIA Resource Center; Linda Carpenter, MEd, Director, In-Depth Technical Assistance Project, National Center on Substance Abuse & Child Welfare; Catherine Nolan, MSW, Director, Office of Child Abuse Prevention, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and Imani Walker, Director, Rebecca Project for Human Rights*

10:30 am – 10:45 am      **BREAK**  
Washington Foyer

10:45 am – 12:15 pm      **IDENTIFYING & TREATING PREGNANT SUBSTANCE USERS**  
Presidential Ballroom

This panel presentation will address challenges and current policy approaches to screening pregnant women for alcohol and drug use, legal and ethical considerations in the treatment of pregnant substance users, and effective interventions with this population.

**MODERATOR:** *Sharon Amatetti, MPH, Senior Public Health Analyst, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment*

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**PRESENTERS:** *H. Westley Clark, MD, JD, MPA, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; and James Nocon, MD, JD, Director of the Prenatal Recovery Clinic at Wishard Memorial Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine*

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

**HOST LUNCH**

Presidential Ballroom

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**WORKSHOP SESSION I**

**A. Three Approaches to Identifying & Engaging Pregnant Substance Users**

Roosevelt East Room

Staff from three federally funded demonstration projects will discuss lessons learned in their collaborative efforts to develop protocols for identifying pregnant substance users in hospitals and prenatal clinics. Presenters will share the resulting protocols as well as strategies they employed to engage women prenatally and at delivery.

**PRESENTERS:** *Kathryn Wells, MD, Medical Director, Denver Family Crisis Center, Attending, Denver Health and The Children’s Hospital, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Colorado; Celeste Smith, MA, Program Coordinator, Healthy Connections, St. Vincent Mercy Family Care Center; and Kristin Funk, LCSW, Co-Coordinator of Project FEAT (Family Early Advocacy and Treatment)*

**B. Kentucky’s Multi-pronged Approach to Addressing the Needs of Perinatal Substance Users**

Roosevelt West Room

This workshop will present Kentucky’s multi-pronged approach to preventing substance use during pregnancy and ensuring adequate services and supports to children and families affected by prenatal substance use. Specifically, participants will learn about the work of a multidisciplinary Substance Exposed Infants Workgroup and two innovative programs: (1) Kentucky’s KIDS NOW Plus Substance Abuse and Pregnancy Initiative, which provides an array of services to pregnant women at risk for substance abuse; and (2) Sobriety, Treatment and Recovery Teams (START), which is a collaborative approach to intervening with parents of substance exposed newborns using family mentors and specially trained child protective services workers. Challenges and program outcomes will be shared.

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**PRESENTERS:** *Lynn Posze, MPH, Program Administrator, Kentucky Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Fran Belvin, MA, ATR-BC, LPAT, Substance Abuse Program Administrator, Kentucky Department of Behavior Health; and Tina Willauer, MPA, START Director*

**C. Bridging Gaps in Current Medication Treatment Research for Pregnant Women & In-Utero Substance Exposed Neonates: Ethics, Advances & Future Directions**

Madison South Room

The overall goal of this workshop is to advance the field of medication treatment research for pregnant opiate and nicotine dependent women and their in-utero substance exposed neonates. Presenters also will address the ethical dilemmas in conducting clinical trial research among this population.

**SESSION CHAIR:** *Steven Oversby, RN, PsyD, Health Scientist Administrator, NIDA*

**PRESENTERS:** *Hendree Jones, PhD, Research Director at Johns Hopkins Center for Addiction and Pregnancy, and Director of Cornerstone; and Lauren Jansson, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Director of Pediatrics, The Center for Addiction and Pregnancy, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center*

**D. Home-based Treatment for Families Affected by Parental Substance Abuse**

Kennedy Room

Family-Based Recovery (FBR) is a home-based substance abuse and attachment-focused treatment model for families with young children. The FBR model has been implemented in 6 sites across Connecticut. This presentation will provide an overview of the FBR model and present data related to client characteristics and case outcomes.

**PRESENTERS:** *Jean Adnopo, MPH, Clinical Professor & Director of In-Home Clinical Services for the Yale Child Study Center; Karen Hanson, LCSW, Clinical Coordinator of the Family-Based Recovery Program (FBR) at the Yale Child Study Center and Coordinator of the FBR Network; Jeffrey Vanderploeg, PhD, FBR QA Consultant; Dale Saul, PhD, FBR Parent - Child Consultant; and Peter Panzarella, MS, Director of Substance Abuse Services, Connecticut's Department of Children and Families*

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

**BREAK**

Washington Foyer

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3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

**PRESENTATION OF TRAINING DVD**  
**Integrating Screening and Treatment of Substance Use into**  
**Routine Prenatal Care**

Jefferson Ballroom

This 54-minute training DVD, designed especially for health care professionals working with pregnant women, features the work of **Dr. James Nocon**, Director of the Prenatal Recovery Clinic at Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indiana. Dr. Nocon will introduce the DVD and respond to questions afterwards. One CME credit will be available to participants in this session.

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

**CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS**

Concurrent, brief, informal, topical discussions to promote information sharing will be held. A different topic has been assigned to each room.

**Treatment issues for pregnant and parenting women**

Washington Ballroom

FACILITATOR: **Ken DeCerchio**, MSW, CAP, Program Director, Children and Family Futures

**Screening of pregnant women**

Madison North Room

FACILITATOR: **Kathryn Wells**, MD, Medical Director, Denver Family Crisis Center; Attending, Denver Health and The Children's Hospital; and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Colorado

**Legal/court issues**

Roosevelt East Room

FACILITATOR: **Kathrine Jack**, Staff Attorney, National Advocates for Pregnant Women

**Engaging fathers**

Roosevelt West Room

FACILITATOR: **Christi Bergin**, PhD, Associate Research Professor, Assessment Resource Center, University of Missouri.

**Confidentiality/information sharing**

Madison South Room

FACILITATOR: **Taigy Thomas**, PhD, Research Associate, Children and Family Futures

**Plans of safe care/services for families of SEN**

Kennedy Room

FACILITATOR: **Linda Carpenter**, MEd, Director, In-Depth Technical Assistance Project, National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare

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4:00 pm – 4:15 pm

**BREAK**

Washington Foyer

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

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## Thursday, June 24, 2010

7:30 am – 8:30 am

### **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

Washington Foyer

8:30 am – 10:00 am

### **EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS WITH SEN & THEIR FAMILIES**

Presidential Ballroom

Panelists will address the role of drug dependency court with families of SEN, effective strategies for fostering parent-child interaction, and developmental and medical interventions for substance exposed newborns and young children.

**MODERATOR:** *Catherine Luby, MSW, Federal Project Officer, Children's Bureau*

**PRESENTERS:** *Lynne F. Katz, EdD, Director of the Linda Ray Intervention Center at the University of Miami, Department of Psychology; Harolyn Belcher, MD, MHS, Developmental Pediatrician, Department of Neurology and Developmental Medicine, Hopkins Kennedy Krieger Institute; and Erica Yew, JD, Judge, Santa Clara County Superior Court and Family Wellness Court*

10:00 am – 10:15 am

### **BREAK**

Washington Foyer

10:15 am – 11:45 am

### **WORKSHOP SESSION II**

#### **A. Strategies and Lessons Learned for Notifying and Collaborating with Child Welfare Agencies on Behalf of Substance Exposed Newborns**

Jefferson Ballroom

Learn how four federally funded demonstration projects established systems for meeting the CAPTA requirement to notify child welfare agencies of all substance exposed newborns. Challenges and strategies will be presented, and participants will have an opportunity to compare and contrast approaches from different types of agencies (e.g., public health, hospital, child welfare).

**PRESENTERS:** *Donna Hamburg, MA, CSIMI Co-Program Director, Denver Department of Human Services; Enid Watson, MDiv, Project Director, A Helping Hand: Mother to Mother, The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Institute for Health and Recovery, Boston, MA; Celeste Smith, MA, Healthy Connections, St. Vincent Mercy Family Care Center; and Liz Twombly, MS, Co-Coordinator of Project FEAT (Family Early Advocacy and Treatment)*

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## **B. Caring for Drug-Exposed Infants**

Roosevelt West

This session will describe well-tested protocols for caring for infants prenatally exposed to different types of legal and illegal substances (and multiple drug combinations); caregiver needs of drug-exposed infants and their impacts on placement decisions; and challenges of designing and operating the Pediatric Interim Care Center, a newborn nursery designed specifically to provide 24-hour specialized care to prenatally drug-exposed newborns.

**PRESENTERS:** *Barbara Drennen, Executive Director and Co-founder, and Pam Huffman, Director of Public Relations / Volunteer Coordinator, Pediatric Interim Care Center (PICC)*

## **C. Future Trends in the Treatment of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome**

Kennedy Room

This presentation will describe the treatment of pregnant females with opioid addiction. It also will discuss current and future trends in identifying and treating infants with withdrawal symptoms, and future trends in the treatment of the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

**PRESENTERS:** *Walter Kraft, MD, MS, FACP, Director, Clinical Research Unit, Thomas Jefferson University; Karol Kaltenbach, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Thomas Jefferson University; and Kevin Dysart, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Thomas Jefferson University*

## **D. Parent Partners of NW Iowa: Mentoring Families Impacted by Substance Exposed Newborns**

Roosevelt East Room

Parent Partners of NW Iowa is an innovative project created to improve the well-being of children affected by methamphetamine abuse or other substance abuse. Trained Parent Partners create bridges connecting families to “formal” and “informal” supports by providing mentoring services to parents navigating through the Department of Human Services System. Parent Partners (male and female) will speak to how parents have been effectively engaged in the treatment process through mentoring and the development of a family team. Presenters also will provide information on how to start a Parent Partner Project and share a variety of digital stories that have been created by the project.

**PRESENTERS:** *Lauri Carlson, LSW, Project Director; Bill Glienke, LBSW, Parent Partner Coordinator; and Kristi Wolthuis & Tom Naviaux, Parent Partners*

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## **E. CAPTA: From Washington to Harrisburg to Philadelphia**

Madison South Room

Participants will learn about the design and implementation of a local team and program developed in response to the CAPTA amendment of 2003. Specific topics include cross agency collaboration, staffing and responsibilities, client assessment and brief intervention, and services for families to ensure the safety and stability of substance exposed newborns.

**PRESENTER:** *Nick Claxton, CQSW, Program Coordinator, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Maternal, Child & Family Health*

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

## **HOST LUNCH**

Washington Ballroom

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

## **WORKSHOP SESSION III**

### **A. Developing Plans of Safe Care for Substance Exposed Newborns**

Kennedy Room

Staff from federally funded demonstration projects will present different models they have developed to engage families of SEN in services and develop plans of safe care for SEN. Models include use of peer family advocates, specialized child welfare teams, multi-disciplinary teams, and family drug court.

**PRESENTERS:** *Gretchen Read, MSW, Supervisor, Child Welfare Services, Denver Department of Human Services; Heidi Mason, Peer Worker, A Helping Hand: Mother to Mother, The Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Celeste Smith, MA, Program Coordinator, Healthy Connections, St. Vincent Mercy Family Care Center; and Liz Twombly, MS, Co-Coordinator of Project FEAT (Family Early Advocacy and Treatment)*

### **B. Collaborative Interventions for Newborns and Parents Affected by Substance Abuse**

Roosevelt East Room

This workshop focuses on the complex needs of substance-exposed newborns and their families. Presenters will discuss practical ways to optimize development in substance exposed newborns through a multidisciplinary, long range approach utilizing strengths of available resources in two communities. They also will review current practices for identifying newborns exposed to drugs and legislative trends to improve such practices.

**PRESENTERS:** *Rizwan Shah, MD, Medical Director of Regional Child Protection Center; and Jean Twomey, MSW, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Brown Alpert Medical School*

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### **C. Common Goals, Uncommon Solutions: Innovative Collaborations to Prevent and Improve Outcomes for Substance Exposed Newborns**

Roosevelt West Room

Women's treatment coordinators from the Single State Agencies in charge of substance abuse prevention and treatment will discuss how their agencies have identified and engaged the right partners, including child welfare, public health and law enforcement agencies, to create state-wide, evidence-based programming that prevents substance exposed pregnancies, and improves outcomes for substance exposed newborns.

**PRESENTERS:** *Martha Kurgans, LCSW, Women's Substance Abuse Treatment Coordinator, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Development; and Becky Barnett, LCSW, Program Manager, Utah State Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health*

### **D. Problem Solving Courts: Collaboration**

Madison South Room

Problem-solving courts offer a highly collaborative and proven effective approach aimed at engaging and retaining pregnant and parenting substance users in treatment leading to permanent family reunification, long-term child safety, and healthy family functioning. Presentation will feature an interdisciplinary panel including a consumer-graduate with direct experience in this model.

**PRESENTERS:** *Norma D. Jaeger, MS, Director, Problem-solving Courts; Honorable Bryan Murray, JD, Judge, 6th Judicial District of Idaho; and Michelle Carney, Program Graduate*

### **E. A Collaborative Approach to Serving Families of Infants Who Have Been Prenatally Exposed to Substances**

Jefferson Ballroom

This workshop will present a model of an interdisciplinary team approach to serving women, beginning in pregnancy and continuing through the child's third birthday. It will provide the participant with an opportunity to explore emerging and promising practices that use the principles of relationship-based support to promote the well-being of infants and their caregivers. Participants also will learn about funding strategies developed to sustain and promote ongoing program development and implementation.

**PRESENTERS:** *Harrie Freedman, RN, MS, Senior Program Manager, Reflejos Familiares Project, University of Mexico Center for Development and Disability; and Andrew Hsi, MD, MPH, Director, Division of General Pediatrics, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center*

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2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

**BREAK**

Washington Foyer

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm

**POLICY CHANGES TO MOVE US FORWARD**

Jefferson Ballroom



# Presenters

## **Jean Adnopoz**

Jean Adnopoz, MPH, Clinical Professor, is Director of In-Home Clinical Services for the Yale Child Study Center. Ms. Adnopoz's clinical and research interests have focused on serving the needs of children who are at substantial risk for disruption of their primary relationships with caregivers and separation from their families and communities.

## **Sharon Amatetti**

Ms. Amatetti is a Senior Policy Analyst for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). She is responsible for ensuring that women, youth and family issues are coordinated with the other SAMHSA Centers and federal agencies, and that adequate attention to women, youth and families is incorporated throughout all CSAT programs. In this capacity, she manages the National Conference on Women, Addiction, and Recovery, and the Women's Addiction Services Leadership Institute (WASLI). Ms. Amatetti also manages the Center's activities pertaining to child welfare and the impact of parental alcohol and drug abuse on children. Her work in this area includes management of an inter-agency agreement with the Administration on Children, Youth and Families to advance cross-system coordination which in part involved the development and management of a National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. She has a BA from Georgetown University and an MPH from UC Berkeley.

## **Becky Barnett**

Becky Barnett, LCSW, has been working in the field of addiction and mental health services for the past fifteen years. She has been the Program Manager for the Utah State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health providing oversight for statewide women, youth and family programs since 2007. Prior to that, she worked as a case manager, as a therapist

providing mental health and substance abuse treatment to individuals (primarily women and children) with serious and persistent mental illnesses, and as a Drug Court Therapist and Felony and Misdemeanor Drug Court Case Management Supervisor.

## **Harolyn Belcher**

A neurodevelopmental pediatrician and research scientist at Kennedy Krieger Institute, Dr. Belcher is currently the Director of Research at the Institute's Family Center. Dr. Belcher is also jointly in the Department of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Department of Mental Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and also holds the rank of Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Over the last ten years, Dr. Belcher has worked in the area of substance abuse prevention, treatment, and outcome. While on faculty at the University of South Florida, Dr. Belcher was instrumental in developing (1) community-based programs integrating prenatal care, substance abuse treatment, parent education, and pediatric follow-up for pregnant drug-dependent women and (2) specialized foster care evaluation and education programs for church-based foster care for HIV positive and drug exposed infants (Wallace & Belcher, 1997). Dr. Belcher is a co-investigator in an on-going NIH study to evaluate the impact of home-based nursing intervention for children with intrauterine drug exposure. In addition, Dr. Belcher evaluates children with intrauterine drug exposure in her clinical practice at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. Dr. Belcher is the Principal Investigator for an Early Head Start Prevention Program, entitled the "Helping-U-Grow study" (HUGS) and on two grants: one that evaluates methods to optimize compliance during MRI's and measure the effects of illicit drug exposure on brain development and another that created a National Child Traumatic Stress Center at the Kennedy Krieger Institute Family Center to study and improve outcome for children exposed to maltreatment.

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**Fran Belvin**

Ms. Belvin is a Women's Substance Abuse Program Administrator for the Kentucky Division of Behavioral Health. She administers the KIDS NOW Plus Substance Abuse and Pregnancy Initiative and presents on pregnancy and substance abuse and on trauma-informed care. Her training and clinical experience are in art therapy, which she continues to teach at the University of Kentucky.

**Christi Bergin**

Christi Bergin, PhD, EdS, is Associate Research Professor at the Assessment Resource Center, University of Missouri, and Evaluator for Healthy Connections Home Visitation Project at the St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, OH. Her areas of expertise are socio-emotional development of children and interventions for children and families placed at risk. Dr. Bergin has been involved with interventions for substance-involved families for 15 years, addressing the physical, cognitive, social and emotional well-being of children with prenatal substance exposure. She also has conducted research on a variety of parenting issues, from parent-child attachment to parents teaching their children to read.

**Lauri Carlson**

Ms. Carlson is Project Director of the Parent Partners Program of Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., a parent advocacy program partnering with families that have experienced having a child removed from their home by the Department of Human Services. She is also a Building A Better Future and Family Team Meeting state trainer.

**Michelle Carney**

Ms. Carney is a 22-year-old mother of two boys. She entered the Family Treatment Drug Court in December of 2008 and graduated 13 months later. She is currently employed full-time, has completed her

child protection case, has full custody of one of her sons, and has been clean for approximately 1.5 years.

**Linda Carpenter**

As the Program Director for the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) In-Depth Technical Assistance program at Children and Family Futures (CFF), Ms. Carpenter provides technical assistance to jurisdictions across the nation in the areas of cross-system collaboration, comprehensive family-centered treatment, and assisting states and communities to improve outcomes for families at the intersection of child welfare, substance abuse, and court systems. Ms. Carpenter has worked for over 30 years in the early childhood, education/special education, substance abuse and child welfare fields. She has held senior level positions in local government which included directing substance abuse services for children, adolescents and families, a 125-bed emergency shelter facility, and a diagnostic clinic for young children with suspected developmental delays. As a consultant, Ms. Carpenter has worked with both public and private organizations providing training and technical assistance, grant writing, cross-systems collaboration and strategic planning. Her work with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County involved working with the courts, child welfare, mental health, substance abuse and public health agencies, community-based organizations and local school districts to develop a cross-disciplinary system of care for children prenatal through age five and their families, with particular emphasis on medically fragile infants and children in the child welfare system.

**H. Westley Clark**

Dr. Clark, Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, leads the agency's national effort to provide effective and accessible treatment to all Americans with addictive disorders. Dr. Clark was the former Chief of the Associated Substance

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Abuse Programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco (DVAMC-SF) and Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, UCSF. In addition to his duties at the DVAMC-SF, Dr. Clark served as a Senior Program consultant to the Robert Wood Johnson Substance Abuse Policy Program, as well as a co-investigator on various National Institute on Drug Abuse-funded research grants in conjunction with the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Clark's areas of expertise include substance abuse treatment, methadone maintenance, pain management, co-occurring disorders, psychopharmacology, anger management, and medical and legal issues. Dr. Clark is a noted published author in the field, and has received numerous awards for his contributions.

### **Nick Claxton**

Mr. Claxton has over 30 years experience in child welfare home visiting programs, from direct service to program administration and the development of new programs. He played a major role in initiating the MCFH-CAPTA program, which is part of Philadelphia's response to recent CAPTA mandates to offer services to families of SENs.

### **Ken DeCerchio**

As Project Co-director of the Regional Partnership Grant support program, Mr. DeCerchio is responsible for overall management of the RPG support program and collaborates with the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare on implementation of the technical assistance program. Mr. DeCerchio joined the staff of Children and Family Futures in July 2007 after 27 years of experience in the management of community-based substance abuse and mental health services. He served as the Assistant Secretary for Substance Abuse and Mental Health in Florida from 2005 to 2007. Prior to this appointment, he served as the State Substance Abuse Director with the Department of Children and

Families Services for ten years. He also served on Florida's Supreme Court Task Force on Treatment-Based Drug Courts. In November 2001, Governor Bush appointed Mr. DeCerchio as Deputy Director for Treatment to the Florida Office of Drug Control. He was appointed to the Governor's Drug Policy Advisory Council in 1999, and in 2004 he was appointed by Secretary Tommy Thompson to serve on CSAT's National Advisory Council. In June 2005, Mr. DeCerchio received NASADAD's Service Award for his leadership and support in the substance abuse prevention and treatment field. In August, 2007, Mr. DeCerchio received the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association's Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to prevention and treatment services in Florida. He received his Master's degree in Social Work from Florida State University, and is a Certified Addictions Professional.

### **Barbara Drennen**

As Executive Director and co-founder of Pediatric Interim Care Center (PICC) in Kent, WA, Ms. Drennen has managed the day-to-day care of thousands of newborns in a nursery dedicated to specialized 24-hour care of drug-exposed infants. In the late 1980s, she provided in-home care for medically fragile infants and designed a program of interim care (between hospital and home) to protect these often fragile and premature babies through their first weeks of life. With co-founder Barbara Richards, she took this plan to the Washington State Legislature and founded PICC in 1990. Now a national model for the care of drug-exposed infants, PICC has served more than 2,500 newborns. In addition, Ms. Drennen has advocated on behalf of drug-exposed infants. She spearheaded legislation in Washington State requiring reporting of newborns with positive toxicology screens for illicit drugs. Her books, videos, classes and 24-hour information line inform service provision for drug-exposed infants beyond her own community. Her book, *Caring for Drug-Exposed Infants*, was published in 2010.

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**Kevin Dysart**

Dr. Dysart is a neonatologist at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. He has published scholarly articles investigating the natural history of the neonatal abstinence syndrome and has served as an investigator for studies of new treatments for this, and other diseases of the newborn.

**Harrie Freedman**

A Clinical Nurse Specialist in Parent-Child Nursing, Ms. Freedman has over 35 years of experience working with young children and their families developing and implementing community-based systems of support, including services for infants and toddlers at risk for abuse and neglect. Harrie is the Senior Program Manager for the AIA Reflejos Familiares Project at the University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability.

**Kristin Funk**

Ms. Funk holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Chicago and is licensed in the state of Oregon as a clinical social worker. She has worked in the early childhood field since 2000, providing outreach and training to early childhood and elementary school-based professionals nationwide. Ms. Funk has worked on several outreach grant projects in the Early Intervention Program and is currently Co-Coordinator of Project FEAT (Family Early Advocacy and Treatment), a 5-year federally funded systems-change grant focused on the identification, referral and safe care of substance-exposed newborns in Lane County and Oregon. She also provides training to early childhood and other professionals in the use of the Assessment, Evaluation and Programming System (AEPS), the Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) and the I Can Problem Solve® (ICPS) Curriculum.

**Bill Glienke**

As Parent Partner Coordinator, Mr. Glienke has provided services to families in various capacities for over twenty years in the Northwest Iowa area. He is a nationally licensed Crisis Prevention Intervention Trainer/Instructor.

**Donna Hamburg**

Donna Hamburg, BS, worked in public child welfare in Colorado for 30 plus years as a caseworker, casework supervisor, and administrator. She retired in 2008 from a position as Denver County Child Welfare Intake Manager. Since that time, she has worked as a consultant for a grant called C-SIMI (Colorado System Integration Model for Infants) as well as Denver's initiatives regarding permanency for children and youth in foster care. She was appointed in 2009 to the Colorado Child Welfare Action Committee subcommittee that provided recommendations for state-wide system reform regarding behavioral health services and domestic violence services to families. Her interest in program development to prevent placement and promote reunification of children with their families continues.

**Karen Hanson**

Karen E. Hanson, LCSW, is the Clinical Coordinator of the Family-Based Recovery Program (FBR) at the Yale Child Study Center and Coordinator of the FBR Network. Ms. Hanson is interested in developing and implementing family-focused treatment programs for parents facing the challenges of substance abuse recovery and parenting a young child.

**Andrew Hsi**

As Director of the Division of General Pediatrics at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Dr. Hsi has focused on developing systems of care for children and families affected by prenatal alcohol and drug exposure, family violence and parental mental illness. Through his work and that of the teams he's led, the programs have had 19 years of grant and contract funding to deliver services.

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**Pam Huffman**

Pam Huffman first became involved with the Pediatric Interim Care Center (PICC) as a volunteer over 11 years ago, after her two children were grown. She was originally hired as the Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Assistant in Community Relations. In 2000, she was appointed the Director of Public Relations. She is responsible for providing drug education to youth across the State of Washington with an emphasis on the effects of prenatal drug use on newborns. Presentations about PICC and its mission are also made to local groups, churches, businesses, and organizations. As a graphic designer by trade, she creates and writes most of the publications, brochures, and annual reports needed for PICC, manages the web site, and coordinates over 150 volunteers.

**Kathrine Jack**

Kathrine Jack, JD, is a staff attorney at National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW). She focuses on the defense of women who are arrested or face other punitive state interventions because of pregnancy — often because they are unable to overcome a drug problem in the short term of pregnancy — and assists in NAPW’s efforts to secure the human and civil rights, health and welfare of all women, especially pregnant and parenting women. Ms. Jack graduated *cum laude* from Indiana University School of Law. Prior to law school, Ms. Jack worked as a statistical research assistant in the department of health policy at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health. Ms. Jack is also a guest contributor to the American Constitution Society Blog.

**Norma Jaeger**

Ms. Jaeger has over 25 years experience managing public behavioral health systems and currently serves as statewide director of Idaho’s 55 problem-solving courts, including four child protection drug courts. She teaches at Boise State University and serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.

**Lauren Jansson**

Lauren Jansson, MD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. She received her MD degree from New York State University, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn NY. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Albany Medical Center and her fellowship in developmental pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. In 1991 she became the director of pediatrics for the Center for Addiction and Pregnancy at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Dr. Jansson has published multiple journal articles in the area of substance dependent pregnant women and their children. Her current NIDA funded research is in the area of fetal and infant neurobehavior in opiate dependent women.

**Hendree Jones**

A licensed psychologist in the state of Maryland and a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Jones has more than 16 years of experience in the field of substance abuse and regularly trains professionals in substance abuse treatment of pregnant women. Dr. Jones is currently the Principal Investigator for three federally funded R01 grants, which examine novel behavioral interventions to initiate and maintain abstinence from licit and/or illicit drugs in drug-dependent pregnant women. She also leads the eight-site, multi-center trial Maternal Opioid Treatment: Human Experimental Research (MOTHER) that compares the fetal, neonatal and maternal safety and efficacy of methadone and buprenorphine medications for pregnant opioid dependent women. Dr. Jones is currently on sabbatical working at Research Triangle Institute International as a Senior Research Psychologist.

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**Karol Kaltenbach**

Dr. Kaltenbach is Director of The Jefferson Maternal Addiction Treatment Education and Research (MATER) at Thomas Jefferson University. She has published numerous articles and book chapters, has lectured throughout the world, and has participated in the development of national guidelines for the management of opioid dependent pregnant women and their neonates.

**Lynne Katz**

As Project Director for the Miami Safe Start Initiative, Dr. Katz is responsible for maintaining the collaborative activities of the community partners, including providing support and guidance to the Juvenile Court/Early Head Start early intervention program, coordinating the Safe Start community-wide training component and participating in the development of the Safe Start law enforcement model for a Quick Response Team to Community Violence at the designated Early Head Start site. Concurrent with her responsibilities for Miami Safe Start, Dr. Katz serves as the Director of the Linda Ray Intervention Center, University of Miami, a comprehensive early intervention program for infants and toddlers born prenatally exposed to cocaine. An Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology, Dr. Katz teaches graduate level courses in the assessment and intervention process for young children with special needs. She is the Principal Investigator of the Strengthening Families Program, a partnership with the Miami Dependency Drug Court, funded to provide parenting programs and developmental assessments for families in substance abuse treatment and recovery. Most recently, she was named Co-Director of the Infants and Young Children's Mental Health Pilot Project, which was funded by the state of Florida to the Miami Juvenile Court, Dependency Division, to provide assessments and intervention for maltreated toddlers in the community who are in the custody of the state.

**Walter Kraft**

Dr. Kraft is Director of the Clinical Research Unit and of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology at Thomas Jefferson University. He has an interest in the pharmacology of medications used in the treatment of the neonatal abstinence syndrome. He has served as investigator on over 80 clinical trials.

**Martha Kurgans**

As the Women's Substance Abuse Treatment Coordinator for Virginia, Ms. Kurgans collaborates with both public and private agencies to develop comprehensive, holistic services for women and their children as well as older youth who have been affected by substance use.

**Catherine Luby**

Catherine E. Luby, MSW, is a Child Welfare Program Specialist in the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect at the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families. The majority of Ms. Luby's work is concentrated on the intersection of substance abuse and child welfare, as well as systems improvement efforts. She is the Federal Project Officer for a set of grants awarded to implement the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act provision on substance exposed newborns, as well the Drug Court cluster of Regional Partnership Grantees, as a set of grants awarded to build community partnerships to serve children impacted by substance abuse (particularly methamphetamines). She serves as the Bureau's lead on the Children's Justice Act Program, which assists States in program improvement efforts across disciplines aimed at reducing trauma to child victims of sexual and physical abuse. Previously, Ms. Luby worked as a child protective services social worker in the District of Columbia and as part of an evaluation team focused on social service programming. Ms. Luby earned her BA in Social Work from the Catholic University of America and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Columbia University.

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**Heidi Mason**

Ms. Mason is a Peer Recovery Intervention Worker for *A Helping Hand: Mother to Mother (AHH)*, a federally funded, collaborative project housed at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health/Division for Perinatal, Early Childhood and Special Health Needs. A hallmark of *AHH* is the involvement of peers (mothers in recovery) to intervene in the immediate post-partum period with mothers of substance exposed newborns. Ms. Mason and her peer colleagues provide individual, strength based, and family-centered support that integrates child development, substance use, child welfare, mental health, and other social services. Ms. Mason has presented the Peer Recovery Model to numerous groups in Massachusetts, and is the facilitator of the *AHH* Peer Supervision group. Ms. Mason is sited at Community Healthlink, Inc., a not-for-profit, community-based organization dedicated to serving men, women, children and families whose lives have been disrupted by mental illness, addiction, homelessness, poverty, and trauma.

**Bryan Murray**

The Honorable Bryan Murray is an experienced family, child welfare and juvenile court judge in the 6th Judicial District of Idaho. He serves as the presiding judge of the ACF Regional Partnership Grant Child Protection Drug Court.

**Tom Naviaux**

As a Parent Partner in the Parent Partners Program of Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., Mr. Naviaux provides mentoring services to families involved in the child welfare system. He simultaneously facilitates and recruits for “24 Dad’s Groups.”

**James Nocon**

Dr. Nocon is the Director of the Substance Use Treatment Program for pregnant women and the Prenatal Recovery Clinic at Wishard Memorial

Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. He is also Chair of the Indiana Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission and Clinical Associate Professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine. After a career researching and publishing, he became certified to treat opiate addiction and developed a method of treating alcoholism and drug addiction.

**Catherine Nolan**

Ms. Nolan is the Director of the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN), housed within the Children’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families. She is responsible for directing and managing OCAN activities, and providing leadership in the area of child abuse and neglect prevention and systems improvement at the Federal level. Ms. Nolan has over 30 years of experience advocating for children and families. She has worked in public service throughout her career, as a social worker at the local, county, State and Federal levels. This includes working for the Fairfax County, VA school system, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Northern Germany, the Exceptional Family Member Department clinic at the NATO hospital in Mons, Belgium, the US Navy Family Advocacy Program and the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, prior to her current position in the Children’s Bureau.

**Steven Oversby**

As a Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) for the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in the Division of Pharmacotherapy and Medical Consequences of Drug Abuse (DPMC), Dr. Oversby administers pharmacotherapy clinical trials in the Medication Grants Branch of DPMC. In 2009, to address research gaps, Dr. Oversby developed a NIDA research program entitled “Medications Development for the Treatment of Pregnant/Postpartum Women with Substance Related Disorders and/or In Utero Substance Exposed Neonates (PA-09-106).” Dr.

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Oversby also has a background in mental health program development, clinical psychology, psychiatric nursing and the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. He is a licensed clinical psychologist and an advanced practice RN.

### **Peter Panzarella**

Mr. Panzarella has worked for over 15 years in the field of addiction treatment and mental health working in various settings as a clinician, clinical supervisor, and clinical/program management. He was the Director of Substance Abuse Services for Perceptions Programs which served adolescents, families, adults and criminal justice clients in Eastern, CT. He became the Director of Substance Abuse Services for the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) in 1995. DCF is an integrated state children's agency with responsibility and programs for the child welfare, juvenile justice and children's mental health and adolescent substance abuse treatment. He has written and received numerous federal grants to implement program for adolescents, families and drug exposed infants. He is actively involved in the Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Policy Council. He is licensed as an Alcohol /Drug and Professional Counselor in Connecticut and has two master's degrees—in clinical/community psychology and administration.

### **Jeanne Pietrzak**

Jeanne Pietrzak, MSW, is the Founding Director of the National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, a unit established in 1991 and affiliated with the Center for Child and Youth Policy at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB). In her 25 year tenure at UCB, Ms. Pietrzak has directed numerous state, federal, and private research projects, program evaluations, and service projects focused on drug- and HIV-affected children and families. She also co-authored a book on *Practical Program Evaluation* (Sage) and co-edited another on *Families*

*Living with Drugs and HIV* (Guilford). She taught child welfare courses at California State University, East Bay. Earlier positions Ms. Pietrzak held in Michigan included community planning director for United Way, foundation coordinator, and case manager working with families of children who were severely mentally and multiply impaired, and with adults who were mildly developmentally disabled.

### **Lynn Posze**

Previously a therapist and community organizer in North Carolina, Ms. Posze is now an administrator for publicly funded substance abuse initiatives in Kentucky. She co-chairs the Kentucky Substance Exposed Infants Workgroup, helped establish a statewide recovery advocacy group, and presents on women's treatment and trauma informed care.

### **Gretchen Read**

As a Supervisor in Child Protection at Denver Human Services in Colorado, Ms. Read currently has three specialized programs to collaboratively address the needs of families who are involved in the department and have substance abuse problems: the Savio Direct Link program, the Family Integrated Drug Court (FIDC) program, and the Colorado Systems Integration Model for Infants (C-SIMI) grant. Ms. Read holds a Master of Social Work from Colorado State University. She has been honored for her work with the West Denver Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative program and the Community Family Advocate Program. In 2000, Ms. Read was awarded *Appreciation as President* by the Mayor's Office for Education and Children, and in 2003 she was awarded *Exceptional Best Practice* at Denver Human Services by the Division Director for services rendered to Families and Children.

### **Dale Saul**

Dr. Saul is the infant mental health specialist for the Family-Based Recovery program, coordinated by FBR Services at the Yale Child Study Center, New Haven,

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CT. She has a doctorate in educational administration from the American University, a post-doctorate certificate in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training from the Washington Psychoanalytic Foundation in Washington, DC, and a Master's in Teaching. She has worked in community mental health intervention in Early Head Start, developed programs for teen parents, and directed a family support program in rural Maryland.

### **Rizwan Shah**

Rizwan Shah, MDFAAP, is Medical Director of Regional Child Protection Center in Des Moines, Iowa. She is also Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at University of Iowa School of Medicine. She has provided developmental follow-up for Substance Exposed infants and children since 1989, and is nationally known for her work with substance exposed infants and children. She is site Principal Investigator for the IDEAL Study addressing outcomes of Meth-Exposed Newborns.

### **Celeste Smith**

Celeste Smith, FLE, MA, is the Program Coordinator for the federally funded Healthy Connections program at St. Vincent's Mercy Medical Center, where she has worked for 22 years. Ms. Smith is the current Chair for the St. Vincent Cultural Diversity Council. She has presented at many national conferences on the issues of substance exposed newborns, use of illegal substances, and mental health.

### **Taigy Thomas**

As a Research Associate for Children and Family Futures (CFF), Dr. Thomas is the lead evaluator for dependency drug courts in Mendocino and Sacramento counties. Prior to her position at CFF, Dr. Thomas served as a Research Analyst IV, with the Quality Management Division of the Orange County Health Care Agency where she designed and implemented countywide health needs assessments,

research programs, and survey studies. For six years, Dr. Thomas was an instructor for the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Student Health and Development where she taught an undergraduate course emphasizing theories of human development, cognitions, and behavior. Dr. Thomas is the author of several book chapters, manuscripts and reports that emphasize the integration of research and policy. Dr. Thomas received her Doctorate in Public Health (DrPH) in Community Health Sciences with a minor in Biostatistics from UCLA.

### **Liz Twombly**

Ms. Twombly is a Senior Research Assistant and Instructor at the University of Oregon's Early Intervention Program. For the past 4 years, she has been involved in the coordination of activities related to the Family Early Advocacy and Treatment (FEAT) Project to develop policies and procedures to ensure better identification, referral and safe care of substance exposed newborns in communities in Oregon. Ms. Twombly has worked at the Early Intervention Program for close to 20 years on personal preparation and research activities related to providing services to families who have very young children with, or at risk for disabilities. Her areas of interest and research include infant mental health, the use of standardized screening tools in health, educational and social services settings, the provision of family guided services when young children are eligible for Early Intervention, and Early Childhood Special Educational services. Ms. Twombly is a contributing author on the widely used developmental and social-emotional screening tools, the Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) and the Ages and Stages Questionnaires: Social Emotional (ASQ: SE).

### **Jean Twomey**

Jean Twomey, MSW, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior and Pediatrics (Research) at Brown Alpert Medical School. Her

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### **Jeffrey Vanderploeg**

Jeffrey Vanderploeg, PhD, is the Quality Assurance Consultant for the Family-Based Recovery Program in Connecticut. Dr. Vanderploeg is interested in program and service systems evaluation. He has been involved in the FBR program evaluation for over two years.

### **Imani Walker**

Ms. Walker is a mother of four beautiful children. She enjoys eleven years in recovery from substance abuse as a result of receiving 18 months of comprehensive family-based treatment. Imani has used her experience of personal suffering to healing to advocate for the needs of other families with substance use issues. Ms. Walker is co-founder and Director of the Rebecca Project for Human Rights (RPHR) a national legal and policy organization that advocates for public policy reform justice & dignity for vulnerable families. Ms. Walker is Founder and Director of the Rebecca Project's Sacred Authority program, a leadership core of mothers who advocate for the needs of mothers in recovery from substance abuse. Sacred Authority mothers and their allies work to ensure the inclusion of the parent's voice in the articulation of policy goals and recommendations. Ms. Walker received The Ford Foundation's "Leadership for a Changing World" award in 2004, *Redbook Magazine's* "Mothers and Shakers" 2005 award & Ladydiva award 2009. Ms. Walker and The Rebecca Project have been featured in *Essence Magazine*, *Redbook Magazine* and *The Washington Post*.

### **Enid Watson**

Ms. Watson is the Director of Screening and Early Identification Projects at the Institute for Health and Recovery, and the Project Director of *A Helping Hand: Mother to Mother (AHH)*, a CAPTA demonstration project based in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. AHH works to enhance identification of and services for substance exposed newborns, their mother and families, and to build collaborations with child welfare and Early Intervention programs. Ms. Watson also provides clinical supervision to the Peer Recovery Workers who work with the mothers of substance exposed newborns. She is the Massachusetts Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders State Coordinator and a Recovery Coach/Trainer. Ms. Watson has worked within prenatal and primary care settings to provide gender-specific, culturally relevant behavioral health screening; develop brief intervention protocols; and enhance or develop linkages to resources. She is the editor and co-author of *Alcohol Screening Assessment in Pregnancy: The ASAP Curriculum*, and *A Pre-Vocational Handbook for Women in Treatment*, and co-author of *Using the Peer Recovery Model with Mothers of Substance-Exposed Newborns Identified through CAPTA Requirements* in AIA's *The Source*, Spring 2010.

### **Kathryn Wells**

As the Medical Director of the Family Crisis Center, Dr. Wells serves as the child abuse and neglect consultant for Denver Health and Hospital Authority, Denver Department of Human Services, the Denver Police Department and the Denver District Attorney's Office. She is also an attending physician with the Kempe Child Protection Team at the Children's Hospital in Denver and has an academic appointment as an Assistant Professor in Pediatrics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. After completing her medical training, Dr. Wells joined the Family Medical Clinic in Caldwell, ID where she practiced general pediatrics for five years. She received fellowship training in Denver, CO at the University of Colorado Health

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Sciences Center, The Kempe Children's Center and The Children's Hospital in the Pediatric subspecialty field of Child Abuse and Neglect from 2001-2003. Currently, Dr. Wells has two major grant projects. She received a grant from HHS's Children's Bureau to develop a model program to better identify and serve substance-exposed newborns and their families. This program, entitled the Colorado Systems Integration Model for Infants, is currently being implemented and tested in Denver County. Additionally, Dr. Wells has received a grant from the HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Healthy Tomorrows Program to develop a medical home for children in foster care in Denver County through the Connections for Kids Clinic at Denver Health.

#### **Tina Willauer**

Ms. Willauer has been a START worker, supervisor, manager, and director during her career with child protective services, first in Ohio and now in Kentucky, where she leads substance abuse initiatives in child welfare. She provides private consultation and training on topics including case work with substance abusing parents.

#### **Kristi Wolthuis**

As a Parent Partner in the Parent Partners Program of Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., Ms. Wolthuis provides mentoring services to families involved in the child welfare system. She has been instrumental in the implementation of "Moms Off Meth" (support) groups.

#### **Erica Yew**

Judge Yew was appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court in 2001. Currently she is in the Juvenile Dependency division of the Court and presides over the Family Wellness Court and First 5 to serve children under the age of three years whose families are struggling with addiction, homelessness, poverty, violence and other issues. In October 2009,

Ms. Yew was appointed by Chief Justice Ron George to the California Judicial Council, which is the policy-making body of the California Courts, the largest court system in the United States. She also sits on the national board for Interplast, which serves children globally, and chairs the Good Samaritan Hospital Board. In 2006, Ms. Yew also established Santa Clara County's first county-wide collaborative workshop program serving victims of domestic violence. This collaborative continues to serve families throughout the county in multiple languages. As an attorney, Ms. Yew has been on the board of Child Advocates of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties and served on the county Advisory Commission for the Children's Shelter. She was a Child Advocate for ten years and volunteered through the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office to represent children in the dependency system. In 1994, Ms. Yew founded a monthly program for toddlers at the Agnews Family Living Center, a homeless shelter. She coordinated this program for four years.

# National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center (NAIARC)

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The National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center's mission is to enhance the quality of social and health services delivered to children who are abandoned or at-risk of abandonment due to the presence of drugs and/or HIV in the family. The Resource Center provides training, information, support, and resources to service providers who assist these children and their families. The Resource Center is a service of the Children's Bureau and is located at the University of California at Berkeley. To learn more, please visit <http://aia.berkeley.edu>.

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## **National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare**

The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) is an initiative of the Department of Health and Human Services and jointly funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau's Office on Child Abuse and Neglect. The mission of the Center is to improve systems and practice for families with substance use disorders who are involved in the child welfare and family judicial systems by assisting local, State and tribal agencies. NCSACW's goals are to develop and implement a comprehensive program of information gathering and dissemination, to provide technical assistance and to develop knowledge and its application that promotes effective practice, organizational, and system changes at the local, state, and national levels. Learn more about the Center at <http://www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov>.

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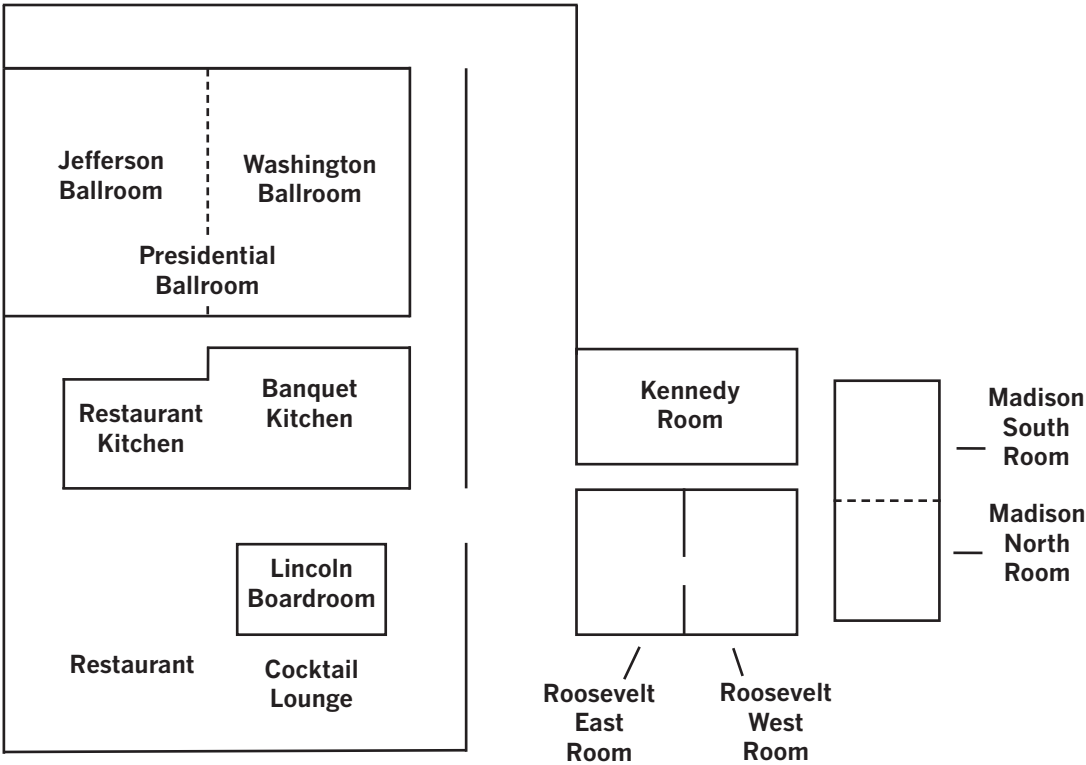
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# Conference Site Map

## CROWNE PLAZA Old Town Alexandria

### Banquet Room Layout



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