

ABOUT US

We believe that parents should have hope of recovery and family stability so they can care for their children. We believe that no single system or agency working by itself can help parents achieve that goal.

Since we began our work in 1996, we have seen great success in working across systems in **collaborative practice** that helps parents and children to live together in safe and stable families.

By *collaborative practice* we mean connecting systems and the people who work in them to help children and families. Even though these agencies start from different approaches to training, funding and values, we have worked with numerous state and local teams that have transcended these separate methods to collaborate successfully and achieve better outcomes for children and their families.

Children and Family Futures, Inc. (CFF) employs diverse staff members who are located across the country. They have experience in federal, state and local agencies, local elected office, front-line practice in children and family agencies, treatment agencies, higher education, military service, international service organizations, as foster and adoptive parents and recovery.

Our video statement summarizing these beliefs can be found at our website www.cffutures.org/about/about-cff entitled, "Why Do We Do This Work."

ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION

Children and Family Futures, Inc. (CFF) was incorporated in 1996 as a not-for-profit organization with headquarters in Southern California.

In the past 5 years alone, CFF has:

- ◆ Worked in nearly 1,200 jurisdictions
- ◆ Conducted 56 in-person technical assistance engagements
- ◆ Delivered 94 webinars with 5,500 participants
- ◆ Trained over 60,000 people
- ◆ Implemented strategic plans in 83 sites
- ◆ Had 32,500 people participate in online tutorials
- ◆ Distributed 84,000 resources such as pamphlets, videos, books and toolkits



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Children and Family Futures

*To improve safety,
permanency,
well-being and recovery
outcomes for children, parents
and families affected by
trauma, substance use and
mental disorders*



OUR EXPERTISE

- ◆ Implementing evidence-based practices
- ◆ Developing screening and assessment protocols
- ◆ Creating cross-system treatment plans
- ◆ Supporting innovations in collaborative practice such as drug testing and out-stationed counselors
- ◆ Developing tools and training on cross-agency policy and practice
- ◆ Addressing challenges such as mental health, housing, trauma and family violence
- ◆ Disseminating practice-informed and research-based models
- ◆ Analyzing and advising on public policy
- ◆ Evaluating and researching effective practice and complex programs

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TOOLS

Nationally recognized in creating training and technical assistance tools including

- ◆ Collaborative Practice Model
- ◆ Collaborative Values Inventory
- ◆ Collaborative Capacity Instrument
- ◆ Effective communication protocols
- ◆ Efficient drug testing protocols
- ◆ Analyses of family engagement practice
- ◆ Virtual cross-systems walkthrough to improve referrals and service delivery processes
- ◆ Family drug court assessments
- ◆ Program evaluation and cost studies

WHAT WE DO

Children and Family Futures, Inc. (CFF) provides a full range of Consulting, Technical Assistance, Strategic Planning and Evaluation Services for substance abuse treatment, child welfare, courts and the communities they serve

Consulting, Strategic Planning and Implementation

- ◆ Clarify barriers, set priorities and uncover strengths and needs
- ◆ Analyze policy and funding environments to chart a path to better outcomes
- ◆ Support mission development
- ◆ Explore organizational values and develop cross-agency principles for collaboration
- ◆ Help organizations and community teams define expectations and implement action plans

Technical Assistance

- ◆ Match client needs with appropriate resources and services
- ◆ Provide implementation support for effective practices
- ◆ Facilitate teams to improve cross-agency collaborative practice
- ◆ Develop sustainable plans for taking initiatives to scale

Evaluation

- ◆ Tailor evaluation designs to match questions and methods with program and informational dissemination goals
- ◆ Build evaluation capacity and collect cross-systems data
- ◆ Analyze, interpret and translate findings for program monitoring, improvement and accountability

Population-Specific Expertise

- ◆ Children of parents with substance use and mental disorders
- ◆ Families involved in the welfare and child welfare systems
- ◆ Foster youth with substance use and co-occurring disorders
- ◆ Substance-exposed infants
- ◆ Children of veterans and military families
- ◆ Families participating in drug courts
- ◆ Families with unique practice and policy issues related to specific substance including methamphetamine, opiates, alcohol, marijuana, prescription drug misuse and medication assisted treatment