



# NATIONAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CENTER

## COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY COURT TEAMS

A national initiative to address the needs of infants with prenatal substance exposure and families affected by substance use disorders

The National Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams (QIC-CCCT) is implemented through a cooperative agreement with the Children’s Bureau and operated by the Center for Children and Family Futures and its partners, the National Center for State Courts, Advocates for Human Potential, American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and a pool of nationally recognized experts.

### IMPLEMENTATION



Enhance the capacity of CCCTs to appropriately implement the provisions of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) amendments to the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA)

### CAPACITY



Enhance and expand CCCTs’ capacity to implement and coordinate services across multiple agencies to address the needs of infants, young children, and their families/ caregivers affected by substance use disorders and prenatal substance exposure

### SUSTAINABILITY



Sustain the effective collaborative partnerships, processes, programs, and procedures implemented to achieve the goals of each demonstration site

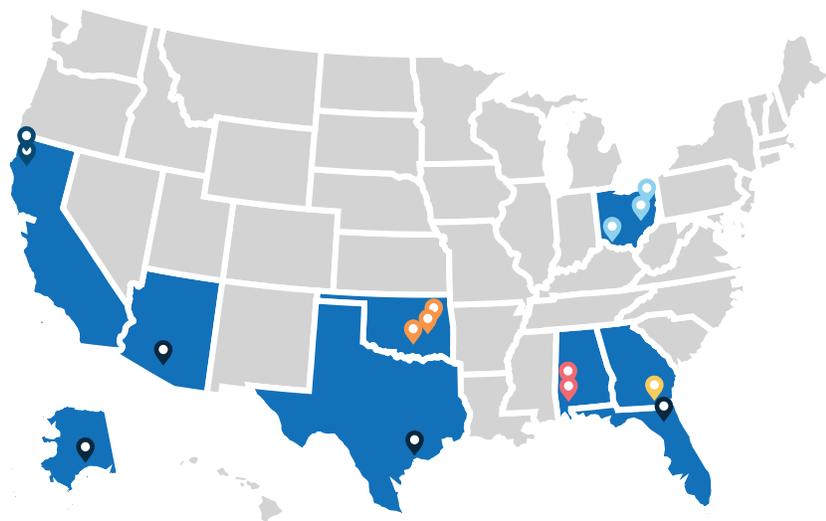
### DISSEMINATION



Provide the field with lessons they can apply about collaborative practices for implementing the requirements of CARA amendments to CAPTA and effective interventions that meet the needs of children and families affected by substance use disorders

## DEMONSTRATION SITES

In April 2018, the QIC-CCCT selected 15 Demonstration Sites through a competitive site-selection process. Selected community court programs include Family Treatment Courts, Infant and Toddler Courts, Joint Jurisdiction Courts and Family Healing to Wellness Courts. With the assistance of dedicated Training and Technical Assistance Change Teams, Demonstration Sites are designing, implementing and testing new and innovative approaches to address the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of infants, young children, and their parents or caregivers. Demonstration Sites are also participating in robust programmatic evaluation that will provide the field and local courts across the country with valuable information on multi-system collaboration and strategies to improve outcomes for infants and their families affected by prenatal substance exposure, including the role of court teams in implementing Plans of Safe Care.



- Alabama Administrative Office of Courts
- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Supreme Court of Georgia, Committee on Justice for Children
- Supreme Court of Ohio
- Yurok Tribe for Northern California Tribal Court Coalition
- Local Court

# WHO DEMONSTRATION SITES ARE SERVING

Demonstration Sites are serving families across multiple prevention and early intervention points. They are expanding their target populations beyond child welfare and court involved families to include pregnant women, families that were screened out of child welfare, and non-court involved families receiving voluntary or family preservation in-home services. As a result, Demonstration Sites are engaging families earlier, preventing child welfare or court involvement, and preventing out-of-home placement.



# WHAT DEMONSTRATION SITES ARE IMPLEMENTING

	Implementation Strategies	Goals and Outcomes
<b>Collaboration and Partnership:</b>	Demonstration Sites are expanding their focus to serve families across the prevention, early intervention and child welfare continuum. This multi-system effort requires strengthening existing partnerships with child welfare, substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and the court, and engaging new partners such as maternal and infant health care providers, Home Visiting, and Early Intervention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate collaborative courts into larger prevention and early intervention systems of care to support children and families from pregnancy to early childhood and beyond.</li> <li>• Build the capacity of communities to support at risk children and families who are not child welfare involved.</li> </ul>
<b>Family Centered Services:</b>	Demonstration Sites are addressing the needs of the entire family by implementing new services, enhancing existing services, and engaging new partners. This includes services that address SUDs, parenting capacity, and the developmental needs of infants and young children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support parent recovery and strengthen parental capacity through access to SUD treatment and parent-child evidence-based interventions.</li> <li>• Ensure the health and well-being of children through improved linkages to Early Intervention, Home Visiting, Early Childhood Care and Education and Head Start.</li> </ul>
<b>Implementing Plans of Safe Care:</b>	Demonstration Sites are implementing pre- and post-natal Plans of Safe Care to ensure services and supports are in place before and after the birth event. Key strategies include early identification and engagement, notifications protocols to child welfare, and redefining the role of the court in ensuring families receive the support they need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prenatal Plans of Safe Care are supporting families before birth, allowing infants to remain at home after hospital discharge and preventing further child welfare involvement.</li> <li>• Postnatal Plans of Safe Care are ensuring continuity and coordination of services across multiple systems whether child welfare is involved.</li> </ul>

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