

**The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare** (NCSACW) is

committed to helping you improve the safety of children and families affected by substance abuse. Effective collaboration among the child welfare, substance abuse treatment, and court systems is key to your success. To promote cross-system partnerships and help each system learn more about the others, NCSACW has developed three online tutorials. The tutorials describe each system's practices and procedures and provide key information to help you make better-informed decisions that will ultimately benefit families. With NCSACW's self-paced, online tutorials, you can get the relevant, practical information you need anytime, from anywhere, at your own pace. The courses are offered free of charge.

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**NEW online tutorials for professionals in Substance Abuse Treatment, Child Welfare, and the Family Courts**



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**Bringing Systems Together for Family Recovery, Safety, and Stability**

# Three Customized Online Courses

## For Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals

Many substance abuse treatment professionals work with families referred from child welfare. *Understanding Child Welfare and the Dependency Court: A Guide for Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals* provides information to treatment professionals so that they better understand how child welfare and family dependency court requirements affect parents in treatment. Strategies for effectively collaborating with child welfare agencies are discussed as well. Through this course, students receive extensive resources, including links to child welfare Web sites, online publications, and confidentiality information.

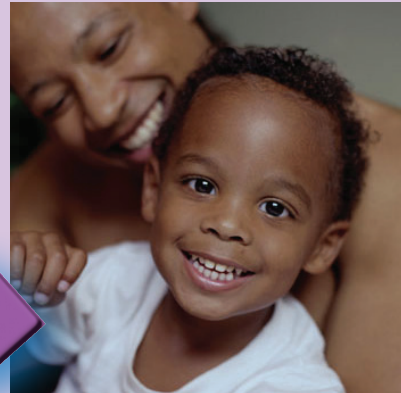
**The *Guide for Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals* is approved by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors for four Continuing Education Units (CEUs).**



## For Child Welfare Professionals

Children and families involved with child welfare are often involved as a result of a parent's substance use. *Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment, and Family Recovery: A Guide for Child Welfare Professionals* provides information about the impact of substance use disorders on parents, children, and families. It describes how substance use disorders contribute to child abuse and neglect and outlines steps to take when substance abuse is identified as a factor. The course also describes strategies that motivate parents to engage in and stay in treatment and discusses how to work with other agencies, including substance abuse treatment agencies, to coordinate case planning.

**The *Guide for Child Welfare Professionals* is approved by the National Association of Social Workers for four CEUs.**



## For Legal Professionals

Effective partnerships with substance abuse treatment and child welfare agencies can provide support to judges and attorneys and improve the outcomes for children and families. Information about the practices and procedures used by substance abuse and child welfare agencies can be found in *Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment, and Family Recovery: A Guide for Legal Professionals*. This tutorial will help judges and attorneys gain an understanding of the work that child welfare and substance abuse treatment professionals perform and provide tips on how to engage and retain families in substance abuse treatment. It also highlights judicial and attorney roles and responsibilities and underscores the importance of partnership and collaboration among the three systems.

**The American Bar Association has applied for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) accreditation for the *Guide for Legal Professionals*. You could receive up to six CLE credits, depending on your State's credit structure and whether or not your State allows online or self-study curricula.**

*All three courses also include tests for assessing knowledge, links to pertinent Web sites, online publications, references and bibliographies, and a glossary of terms appropriate to child welfare and substance abuse issues. CEUs and CLEs are available at no charge.*

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