



**NCSACW Researchers Forum:  
Developing Knowledge to Improve Outcomes for  
Families with Substance Use Disorders in the Child Welfare  
and Family Court Systems**

**Washington Marriott Hotel  
1221 22nd Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037  
202-872-1424**

**Wednesday, December 10, 2003**

**8:00 Continental Breakfast — West End Ballroom 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**9:00 Welcome**

**Sharon Amatetti, M.P.H., Project Officer**  
National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare  
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

**Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., CAS, FASAM, Director**  
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**Susan Orr, Ph.D., Associate Commissioner**  
Children's Bureau  
Administration on Children, Youth and Families

**Irene Bocella, M.S.W., Acting Director**  
Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau  
Administration on Children, Youth and Families

**9:30 Participant Introductions**

**10:00 Overview of Current Issues in Child Welfare Services Research**

**Richard Barth, Ph.D.**  
Frank A. Daniels Distinguished Professor for Human Services Policy Information  
University of North Carolina, School of Social Work

**10:40 Overview of Current Issues in Substance Abuse Treatment Research**

**Christine Grella, Ph.D.**  
Research Psychologist, Integrated Substance Abuse Program  
University of California, Los Angeles

**11:15 Break**

**11:30 Highlights from the Retrospective Phase of the Cross-Site Evaluation of Family Drug Treatment Courts**

**Nancy K. Young, Ph.D., Director**  
Children and Family Futures

**11:45 Questions and Discussion on Presentations, Information Gaps and Opportunities to Improve the Current Knowledge Base**

**Participants**  
Facilitated by Nancy Young, Ph.D., Director, NCSACW

**12:30 Lunch — Dupont Ballroom 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**An Update from the National Institute on Drug Abuse**

**Jerry Flanzer, Ph.D.**  
Senior Social Scientist  
National Institute on Drug Abuse

**The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Registry of Effective Programs**

**Gale Held, M.P.A.**  
Director, SAMHSA Model Programs Dissemination Project  
Northrop Grumman Information Technology  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**1:45 Panel Discussion on Evaluations of the Substance Abuse Title IV-E Waivers  
Main Room – West End Ballroom 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Gail Collins, M.P.A., Senior Child Welfare Program Specialist - Moderator**  
Children's Bureau

**Dennis McGrath, Ph.D. – Maryland**  
**Dorothy Dillard, Ph.D. – Delaware**  
**Glenda Kaufman Kantor, Ph.D. – New Hampshire**  
**Mark Testa, Ph.D. – Illinois**

**3:30 Break**

**3:45 Roundtable Topic Discussions**

**1. Research issues regarding prenatally-exposed infants  
Conference Suite “3015” 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Kathleen Nardini, M.A. – Facilitator**  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors

**Shaila Yeh, M.S.W. – Recorder**

**2. Research issues in family engagement and retention of parents in care  
Conference Suite “3016” 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Steve Hornberger, M.S.W. – Facilitator**  
Child Welfare League of America

**Sharon Boles, Ph.D. – Recorder**

**3. Using existing information systems to fill information gaps  
Conference Suite “3017” 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Terry Cross, A.C.S.W., L.C.S.W. – Facilitator**  
National Indian Child Welfare Association

**Mary Nakashian, M.A. – Recorder**

**5:15 Adjourn**

**6:30 Dinner Reception – Dupont F & G 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Thursday, December 11, 2003**

**8:00 Breakfast – West End Ballroom**

**8:30 Feedback from Roundtable Discussion Groups  
Main Room – West End Ballroom**

**Participants**

Identification of strengths and gaps in the knowledge base and priorities for research activities

**10:00 Break**

**10:15 Discussion of SAFERR Draft**

**Participants**

Discussion of NCSACW Draft Guidance on **S**creening and **A**ssessment for **F**amily **E**ngagement, **R**etention and **R**ecovery -- SAFERR

**12:00 Lunch – Dupont Ballroom 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**1:00 Discussion and Recommendations for NCSACW Activities: Children’s  
Issues and Response to the NCSACW Needs Assessment  
Main Room – West End Ballroom**

**Participants**

Participants will provide input to NCSACW on services and interventions to promote well-being among children of substance abusers in the child welfare system and reflect on the findings from the NCSACW Needs Assessment

**2:00 Discussion of the Future of the Group**

**Participants**

Participants will provide guidance to NCSACW in furthering the development of a research community and related activities

**2:30 Evaluation and Adjourn**