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**“Evidenced Based Practice”**

**JUNE 12, 2007 ~ 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, PST**

**AGENDA**

**11:00 am Welcome and Introductions**

Moderator: Nancy K. Young, Ph.D. Director  
National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW)

**11:10 am National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare**

Presenter: Nancy K. Young, Ph.D.

The mission of the NCSACW 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. Dr. Young will provide an overview of NCSACW products and resources.

**11:20 am The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare**

Presenter: Laine Alexandra, L.C.S.W. Project Manager  
The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC)  
Chadwick Center for Children and Families, Rady Children's Hospital

The CEBC helps to identify and disseminate information regarding evidence-based practices relevant to child welfare. Ms. Alexandra will provide an overview of the CEBC review process and rating scale for evidence-based child welfare practices.

**12:00 pm The Nurturing Program for Families in Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery**

Presenters: Norma Finkelstein, Ph.D., Executive Director  
Beth Marron, M.S.W., Parent-Child Specialist  
Institute for Health and Recovery

The Nurturing Program for Families in Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery is designed to assist parents in re-establishing the strength of their connections with their children. Combining experiential and didactic exercises, the approach is designed to enhance parents' self-awareness and thereby increase their capacity to understand their children.

**12:20 pm Specialized Treatment and Recovery Services**

Presenter: Sanford Robinson, Director  
Specialized Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS)

The STARS program is designed to assist parents in entering and completing substance abuse treatment and other court requirements. Three key strategies provide the basis for the STARS program: motivational interviewing, role modeling, and accountability.

**12:40 pm Questions and Answers**

Moderator: Nancy K. Young, Ph.D.

**12:55 pm Wrap up**

## **SPEAKER BIOS**

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Nancy K. Young, Ph.D., is the Director of Children and Family Futures, a California-based research and policy institute whose purpose is to improve outcomes for children and families affected by substance use disorders. Dr. Young also serves as the Director of the federally-funded National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, which provides technical assistance to States in support of their efforts to enhance cross-system collaboration for the benefit of affected families, and develops and disseminates information on advances in policy and practice in this field. She received her Ph.D. and M.S.W. from the University of Southern California, School of Social Work.

**Laine Alexandra, L.C.S.W.**, Project Manager  
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Laine Alexandra, L.C.S.W., is the Project Manager for the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare. She has worked at the Chadwick Center for Children and Families at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego, for over eight years. She was the Coordinator of an Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) funded collaborative grant, which teamed the San Diego Sheriff's Child Abuse Unit, Children's Services Bureau, and Chadwick Center to intervene with misdemeanor level child abuse cases. Before that, she worked as a front-line worker for the Children's Services Bureau in San Diego for eight years.

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Norma Finkelstein, Ph.D. is founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Health and Recovery, a statewide policy, program / systems development, training, services and research organization located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Prior to this, Dr. Finkelstein was the founder and Executive Director of the Women's Alcoholism Program/CASPAR, Inc., a comprehensive prevention, education, and treatment program for chemically dependent women and their families. She received her M.S.W. from the University of Michigan and her Ph.D. from the Florence Heller School, Brandeis University.

**Beth Marron, M.S.W.**, Parent-Child Specialist  
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Beth Marron, M.Ed., L.C.S.W., is a Parent Child Specialist at the Institute for Health and Recovery. Ms. Marron works with both family residential substance abuse treatment programs and homeless family shelters to assist in the development of and support for parenting and family services. This is accomplished through providing training, technical assistance, and support to programs, as well as through co-facilitation of the Nurturing Program for Families in Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery. Ms. Marron also co-facilitates the WELL Child curriculum, a 9-week group-based curriculum designed for use with children whose parents have experienced substance abuse, mental illness, and trauma. Ms. Marron received her MSW from Simmons College and her M.Ed. from Lesley University.

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Sanford (Sandy) Robinson is the Director of the Specialized Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) in Sacramento, California. In addition, he serves as the STARS Dependency Drug Court Coordinator. For almost two decades Mr. Robinson has been involved with alcohol and drug programs specializing in several different populations groups including adolescents, HIV/AIDS and adult drug offenders. He has designed and implemented several programs for public schools to reduce substance abuse and has been at the forefront of promoting motivational intervention techniques. Mr. Robinson is a Registered Addiction Specialist. He received his Bachelor's degree from California State University, Sacramento and is pursuing his Master's degree at the University of San Francisco.