



Timeline of Major CFF Initiatives

1996	Began the evaluation of the Sacramento County, CA initiative to provide training on addiction, treatment, and recovery to the entire workforce of the Department of Health and Human Services entitled, Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Initiative.
1997	California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), Technical Assistance on Women and Children's Services.
1998	Participated in <i>Addressing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Barriers to Employment through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families</i> regional meetings to foster strategies to address challenges in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reform for families affected by substance use and mental health. Supported by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
1999	<p>Orange County Needs-Based Treatment Intervention for Mother's Engagement (ONTIME), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Grant in which four women in recovery with experiential knowledge of the child welfare system were trained in motivational interviewing and out-stationed at the dependency court to help engage women in substance use disorder services.</p>
	<p>Conducted the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s Stakeholder Meeting on implementing the recommendations in Blending Perspectives and Building Common Ground ASPE (hhs.gov).</p>
2000	<p>Family Drug Treatment Courts (FDTC), Process Documentation and Retrospective Outcome Evaluation: First phase of a federally supported five-year evaluation study of FDTCs. The retrospective study of five FDTCs identified specific components, including increased judicial oversight and contact with families, lower caseloads allowing caseworkers to dedicate more time to families, and interagency collaboration, that contribute to improved family outcomes. FDTCs included in the study were Jackson County, Missouri; San Diego County, California; Santa Clara County, California; Suffolk County, New York; and Washoe County, Nevada.</p>
	<p>Participated in regional meetings on the implications of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-89) for families affected by substance use disorders and administered Collaborative Values Inventories with state teams.</p>

2001	Began the evaluation of the Sacramento Dependency Drug Court . Pioneered data matching across child welfare and substance use disorder administrative data systems to study and monitor comprehensive outcomes for families affected by substance use disorders. CFF has partnered with Sacramento County continuously since this date on their comprehensive efforts to expand and reach new populations with their family treatment court and recovery coaching model.
2000-2015	Connecticut for Strategic Planning : The first state CFF worked with to conduct a state-wide strategic planning effort to implement changes in practice and policy focused on the population of families in child welfare services with substance use disorders. Subsequent efforts under the NCSACW (2014-2021) focused on infants with prenatal alcohol and substance exposure.
2002-2007	National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW): The initial award of SAMHSA contract, co-funded by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children’s Bureau, to develop knowledge and provide technical assistance on substance abuse and child welfare. The contract included the In-Depth Technical Assistance (IDTA) program which advances the capacity of states, tribes, and their community partner agencies to improve the safety, health, permanency, well-being, and recovery outcomes for families affected by substance use disorders.
2003	Women, Children and Family Substance Abuse Treatment Issues Subcontract with JBS, supported by SAMHSA, the project published Family-Centered Treatment for Women with Substance Use Disorders: History, Key Elements and Challenges .
2004	The first <i>NCSACW National Conference on Substance Abuse, Child Welfare, and the Courts, Putting the Pieces Together for Children and Families</i> , held in conjunction with the <i>National Conference on Family-Centered Treatment for Women with Substance Use Disorders</i> . The conferences were held in Baltimore, MD. The women’s treatment conference was conducted under the Women, Children and Family Substance Abuse Treatment Issues subcontract with JBS.
2007	The second NCSACW National Conference on Substance Abuse, Child Welfare, and the Courts, Putting the Pieces Together for Children and Families , held in Anaheim, CA. NCSACW II contract awarded by SAMHSA co-funded by Children’s Bureau. Included support contract to provide technical assistance and performance monitoring to 53 Regional Partnership Grants (RPG).

2009	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) National Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Provider (FDC TTA).
2011	The third <i>National Conference on Substance Abuse, Child Welfare and the Courts, Putting the Pieces Together for Children and Families</i> . Hosted in National Harbor, MD and in partnership with the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. NCSACW awarded six National Collaborative Leadership Awards in recognition of innovations and efforts to create and promote organizational change and effective collaborative practices to improve outcomes for families affected by substance use disorders.
2012	Children Affected by Methamphetamine (CAM), a program of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment which provided programmatic technical assistance and performance monitoring with family treatment courts to enhance services to children.
2012-2017	NCSACW III contract awarded by SAMHSA co-funded by Children’s Bureau.
2012	OJJDP National Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance II contract.
	Technical assistance to support 17 RPG partnerships in 15 states was folded into the NCSACW contract. The partnerships were required to implement evidence-based and trauma-informed program models.
	Peer Learning Courts (PLC): OJJDP supported Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance program. The program highlights national best practice models for family treatment courts (FTCs), while increasing knowledge and innovative practice through peer-to-peer learning.
2013	Veterans Treatment Court Work
	Strong Families, Strong Children (SFSC) Collaborative : A community-based collaborative of five nonprofit agencies serving the growing needs of veteran- and military-connected families. SFSC provides comprehensive, military/veteran culturally- sensitive supportive services including mental health treatment, housing, basic needs, employment resources, domestic violence prevention & intervention, and legal support. Peer Navigators, who are veterans themselves and/or military connected, provide support and services to military families.

	SFSC awarded funding from Mental Health Services Act Innovations (MHSA) for the <i>Behavioral Health Services of Veterans</i> program. Funds support comprehensive services provided to military/veteran families by SFSC.
2014	Awarded technical assistance contract by Children’s Bureau to support four RPG partnerships. The partnerships were required to implement evidence-based and trauma-informed program models.
2014-2019	Awarded OJJDP contract which included technical assistance a provision for the Statewide System Improvement Program (SSIP). The program leveraged decades of research on the FTC model and supported states and communities to adopt more effective practices across broader family and juvenile court dockets.
2014	Prevention and Family Recovery (PFR), funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and The Duke Endowment, helped eight established FTCs integrate and institutionalize evidence-based parenting services and developmental and therapeutic services for children into their larger systems of care.
	In-Depth Technical Assistance, Infants with Prenatal Substance Exposure (IDTA IPSE). With states and jurisdictions experiencing an increase of infants with prenatal substance exposure coming to the attention of child welfare services, the IDTA program began to focus on advancing the capacity of states and other jurisdictions in working with pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders, their infants, and families.
2015-Present	SFSC awarded funding from Orange County Community Foundation for the Orange County Veterans Initiative. Funds support comprehensive services provided by SFSC.
2016	The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016 amended sections of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), including the Plan of Safe Care for infants with prenatal substance exposure. The NCSACW IDTA program shifted its focus to assist states to develop policies and protocols to align with the amended prenatal substance exposure provisions.
	OJJDP National Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance III contract.
	SFSC awarded re-funding from Orange County Prevention and Intervention funding for the <i>Behavioral Health Services of Veteran Families</i> program.

	Partnered with the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) to host the 2016 CWLA National Conference, Advancing Excellence in Practice and Policy, What Works for Families Affected by Substance Use . The conference was dedicated entirely to the topic of substance use and its effects on children, youth, and families involved with child welfare.
2017	<i>Continuum of Care for Veteran Families</i> , SFSC awarded funding from MHSA to serve and train veteran families and military connected families in Family Resource Centers.
	National Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams (QIC-CCCT), supported by ACYF, Children’s Bureau. An initiative to enhance and expand court teams’ collaborative capacity to address the needs of infants, young children, and their families affected by substance use disorders and prenatal substance exposure. The program assisted court sites with implementation of the Plan of Safe Care and other provisions for infants with prenatal substance exposure in the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act.
	NCSACW IV contract awarded by SAMHSA co-funded by Children’s Bureau.
	PFR II, expanded to an additional four FTC sites to integrate and institutionalize evidence-based services for parents and children.
	RPG IV contract awarded to support 17 collaborative sites.
	National Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) Training and Technical Assistance Program established. START is a child welfare focused and collaborative based model for families affected by substance use disorders.
2018	RPG V contract under NCSACW to support ten collaborative sites.
	CFF expands to 50 employees.
	Study of Veterans Needs and Treatment Courts , supported by the Judicial Council of California.
2019	Supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and in partnership with Child Focus and the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, published Implementing the Substance Use Disorder Provisions of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA): A Toolkit for Child Welfare and Treatment Stakeholders and FFPSA Implementation Challenges and Strategies .

	RPG VI to support eight collaborative sites as part of the NCSACW contract.
2020	START listed on Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse .
2021	PLC Round II FTC sites under the OJJDP contract announced
	National Quality Improvement Center on Family-Centered Reunification (QIC-R), collaborative partnership with the University of Maryland as the lead agency, to identify, assess, and implement promising and evidence-based practices that address the individual and collective needs of birth families/families of origin with children in foster care.
	Children and Family Futures celebrates its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary
2022	START received a "Supported" rating from the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse.
	NCSACW IV contract awarded by ACF, co-funded by SAMHSA.
	RPG VII to support 18 sites as part of the NCSACW contract.
	National Family Treatment Court Training and Technical Assistance Program contract.
	CFF expands to 60 employees.