

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Universal Alcohol and
Drug Screening for All
Child Welfare Clients
***UNCOPE Screening
Tool**

Expand accessibility of
services to newborns with
prenatal exposure through
enhanced identification &
intervention
***ABC Community Education
Dr. Robin Gurwitch**

**The Oklahoma Partnership Initiative (OPI),
is to increase the well-being of, and to improve
the permanency outcomes for children
affected by substance abuse. The goal of OPI is
to intervene effectively and early to prevent
and reduce the risks for children associated
with parental substance abuse.
The four (4) objectives of OPI will allow for
early identification of risk, and timely referral
for services, which will help improve long term
permanency outcomes for children.**

Early intervention and
prevention services for children
of substance abusing parents
through evidence based
programs
***Strengthening Families
Program
*New Directions**

Improvements in cross-
system information sharing
mechanisms to ensure
consistent data collection
across both systems
***Data Work Group**

Universal Alcohol and Drug Screening for All Child Welfare Clients

Screening will allow child welfare workers to identify potential substance abuse issues early and refer parents for assessment and treatment options.

OKDHS Child Welfare utilize UNCOPE substance use screening tool;

Child Welfare fax these forms, and OKDHS Child welfare referral for substance abuse assessment and treatment services to Immediate Access;

Immediate Access will complete assessment, and refer client to substance abuse treatment provider. The substance abuse provider furnishes the CW worker with a copy of the assessment

**UNCOPE Screening Tool currently embedded within
OKDHS Family Functioning Assessment**

Expand accessibility of services to newborns with prenatal exposure through enhanced identification & intervention

The primary activity under this objective will be the training of health care professionals on substance- exposed newborns and related issues. Outcomes under this objective would be indicated by:

- * **Increased reporting rate for infants with prenatal drug exposure;**
- * **Increased assessments of the needs of parents and newborns;**
- * **Increased referrals of parents and newborns for services;**
- * **Decreased time from birth of child to receipt of services;**

Prenatal drug exposure and parental substance abuse trainings to health professionals by Dr. Robin Gurwitch and OUHSC Staff;

450 health professionals trained to date;

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New Directions(ND), targets families in foster care, and designed to reduce the risks to children ages 3-12, who have entered the foster care system, due in part, to parental substance abuse;

Strengthening Families Program(SFP)-is a 14 session, evidenced based parenting skills, children's life skills, and family life skills training program specifically designed for high-risk families. SFP has been demonstrated to impact family functioning in immediate and intermediated ways that are directly applicable to AOD abusing families in the child welfare system. (**Expanding to Tulsa County 09/2010**)

<u>ADULTS:</u>	<i>80 served</i>
<u>CHILDREN:</u>	<i>92 served</i>
<u>FAMILIES:</u>	<i>55 served</i>

Improvements in cross-system information sharing mechanisms to ensure consistent data collection across both systems

Under this objective, an Interagency Data Sharing Study Group will be formed composed of staff from both ODMHSAS and OKDHS, including representative from the OKDHS Technology and Governance Unit, Permanency Planning Programs and the Data Services Division; and the ODMHSAS Information and Decision Support services Division and Prevention Services.

Form Interagency Data Sharing Study Group; goal of group is to develop and implement a data sharing agreement between the two agencies that easily permit timely and routine interagency data sharing for evaluation and research purposes, while abiding by all state and federal regulations regarding client confidentiality;

Data collection & processing; rely heavily on the existing data systems within OKDHS and ODMHSAS;