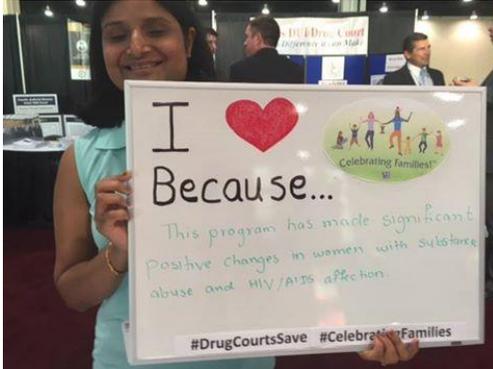


PPI Prevention Partnership International

A Division of Family Resources International

Celebrating Families!™ recognized at National Assoc. for Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) 2015 Conference



"This program has made significant positive changes in lives of women with substance abuse and HIV/AIDS ..."

Varsha, Jacksonville Florida



This program saves families, saves communities.

LaTosha Murray of Lumberton, NC

NADCP's list of Practices for Family Drug Courts to address needs of children begins *"implemented substance abuse prevention and early intervention services for children of parents in the FDC using national models and evidence-informed practice (such as PCIT, Celebrating Families, etc.)"*

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) study¹ growing in influence.

ACEs include abuse, neglect and a range of household dysfunction such as witnessing domestic violence or growing up with substance abuse, mental illness, parental discord, or crime in the home. ACEs can cause disruptions in the developing brain and body with damaging effects on learning, behavior, mental and physical health across the lifespan (U.S. Administration for Children and Families). Lead author, Dr. Felitti, states

*Our findings indicate that the major **factor underlying addiction is adverse childhood experiences that have not healed with time...** The ACE Study provides population-based clinical evidence that unrecognized adverse childhood experiences are a major, if not the major, determinant of who turns to psychoactive materials and becomes 'addicted'.*

How do PPI programs reduce ACEs?² PPI programs are strength-based, trauma-sensitive, and family-inclusive – written specifically for families dealing with or at high risk for substance use disorders, child abuse, and family violence (all ACEs). Programs have been shown at numerous sites to significantly increase rate of reunification of families, while reducing the time children are separated from their parents.

Celebrating Families!™ addresses one of the most significant problems of our time: the destabilization and disintegration of the family unit due to drug and alcohol addiction. Celebrating Families!™ is a proven, tested and evaluated curriculum with the goal of breaking the multi-generational, familial patterns of behavior known to repeatedly perpetrate the worst societal outcomes – addiction, child abuse/neglect, crime, mental illness and family violence. Our passion is children; our target is families; our vision is intact healthy families. Our mission is to erase the cycle of drug and alcohol abuse by teaching healthy living skills, the importance of affirmation and bonding.

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¹ For more information, see *ACEs Connection Network* - www.acesconnection.com

² See *Addressing ACEs through Family-Focused Services* and *How are ACEs and Trauma Incorporated Into CF!* ? at <http://preventionpartnership.us>



0-3 component for CF! released for national implementation. Why was it created? Children ages 0-3 are at the highest risk to experience maltreatment and longer stays in out of home care (Dept. of Health and Human Services).

- CF! 0-3 was created to provide opportunities for parents and families to learn and practice critical skills facilitating attachment and nurturing.
- At EMQ-FF evaluators found
 - “Improvements in family/parent functioning, statistically significant at the $p=.05$ threshold ($p < .001$)” with “small gains in protective factors” (Dr. E Cohen, SJSU).
 - Multiple examples of learning, applying and the generalizing skills to home-life and other work sites by both staff and parents (Dr. Rivka Greenberg).
 - Parents recognizing the importance of play and affirmations and transferring communication skills to interactions with older children (Dr. Rivka Greenberg).
- Both evaluators feel that these initial outcomes need to be tested in follow-up evaluations and the development of on-going data collection system is imperative. A small volunteer task force with both evaluators is working to address this need.

The developers of Celebrating Families!™ are remarkable. That they can create such an incredible intervention program that is resilience based, caring, thoughtful and so playful is wonderful. It is important to acknowledge that this team is primarily voluntary and the budget small.

2015-16 Goals and Funding Needs

1. Provide continued support with evaluation for pilot sites working with families in Santa Clara County (CA).
2. Finalize evaluation protocol and instruments.
3. Develop and pilot new Critical Parenting Skills booklets and Administrator’s 0-3 Training Manual.
4. Update and complete revisions of basic CF! curriculum, necessitated by 0-3 component.
5. Pilot new training model and materials on working with families with young children.
6. Survey California sites to determine effectiveness and sustainability of model.
7. Increase awareness and the accepted evidence base of CF! by publication of journal articles.
8. Continue international work when funded, providing Training of Trainers in Russia in partnership with ADRA (Adventist Development & Relief Agency) and exploring a new request from Iran.

Thank you! We couldn’t have do it without you – our funders, supporters and friends!

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