



Beyond the Bench Conference  
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Common Vision  
Extraordinary Effort

Court

Drug Treatment

Child Welfare

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Systems with multiple:

- Mandates
- Training
- Values
- Timing
- Methods

## Stuart Foundation Workgroup



1995

## Adoption and Safe Families Act



1997

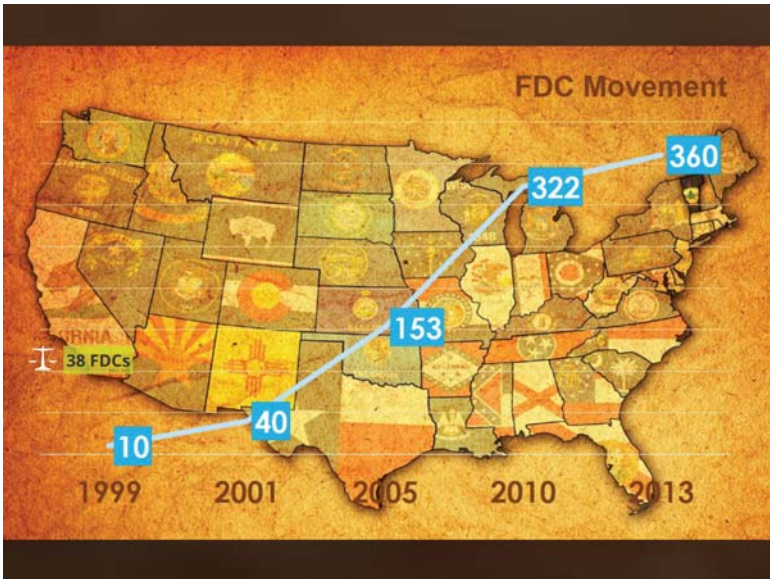
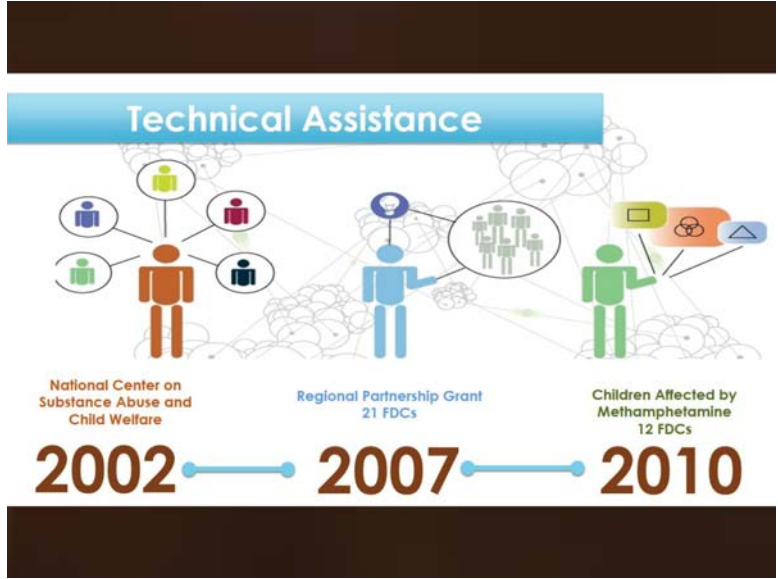
## 5 National Reports

*There are common issues*

1998



1999

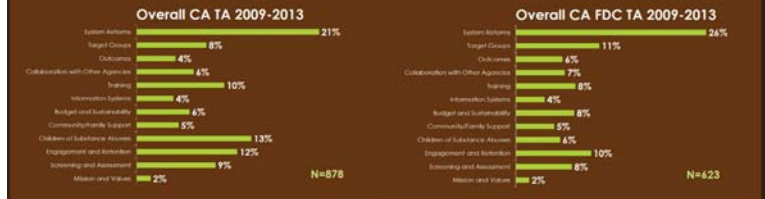




# TA Requests - California

Since 2009 - CFF has fulfilled:

- 467 TA requests - CA overall
- 139 TA requests - FDC-related



## Common Ingredients of FDCs

- System of identifying families
- Earlier access to assessment and treatment services
- Increased judicial oversight
- Increased management of recovery services and compliance
- Collaborative approach across service systems and Court
- Responses to participant behaviors (sanctions & incentives)

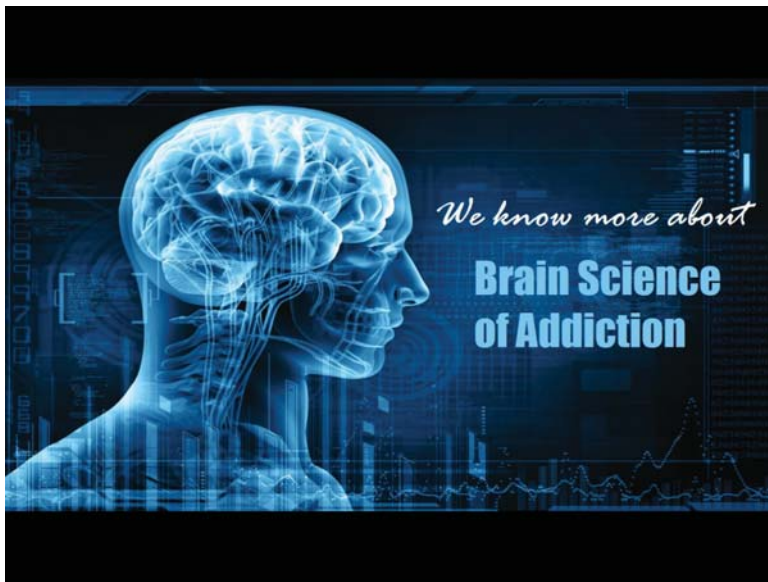
2002 Process Evaluation

## A Look at the Present



What do we know today?






***Stigma & Perceptions***

## Addiction

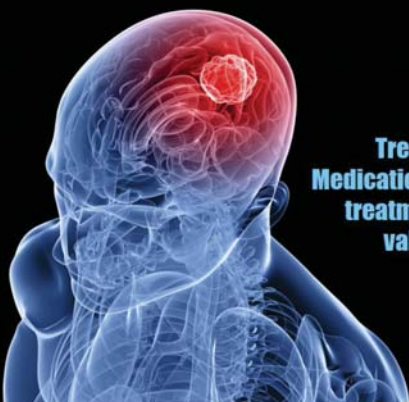
- Once an addict, always an addict
- They don't really want to change
- They lie
- They must love their drug more than their child
- They need to get to rock bottom, before....



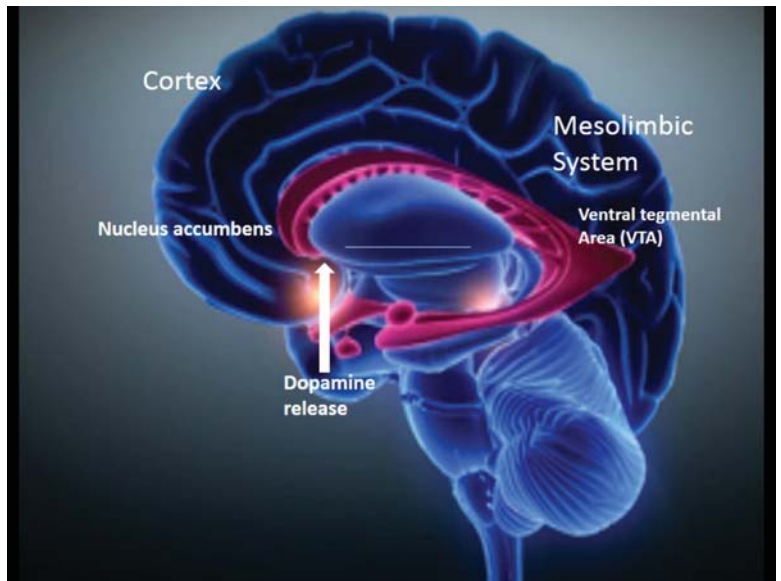
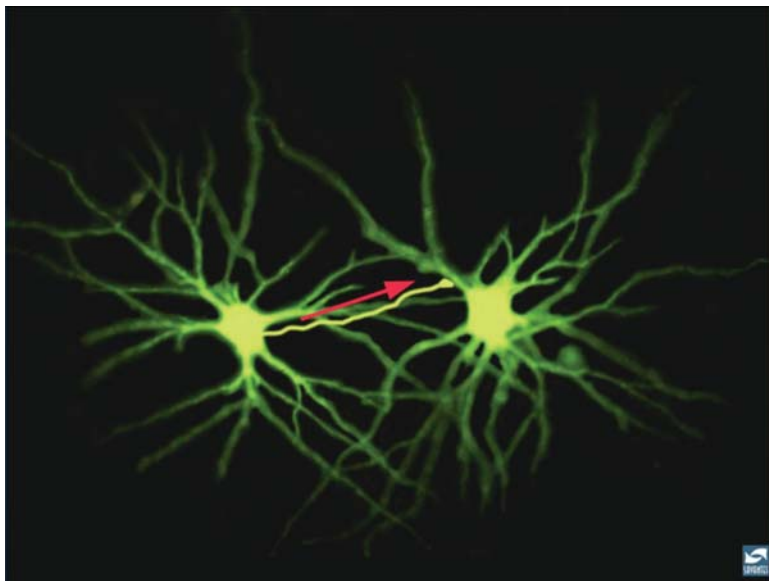
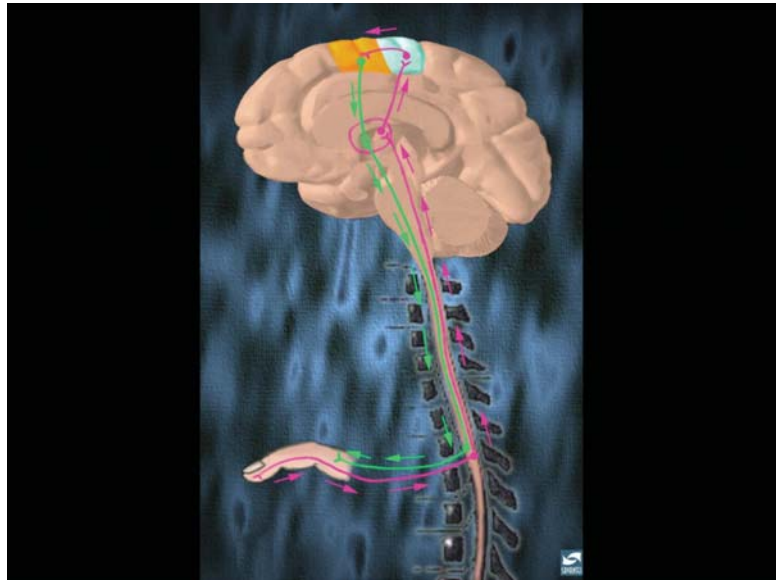
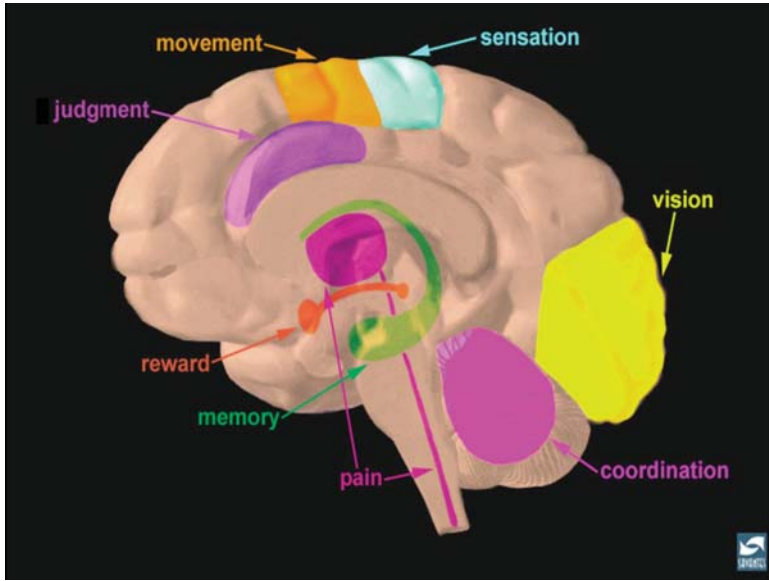
## Addiction is a Disease

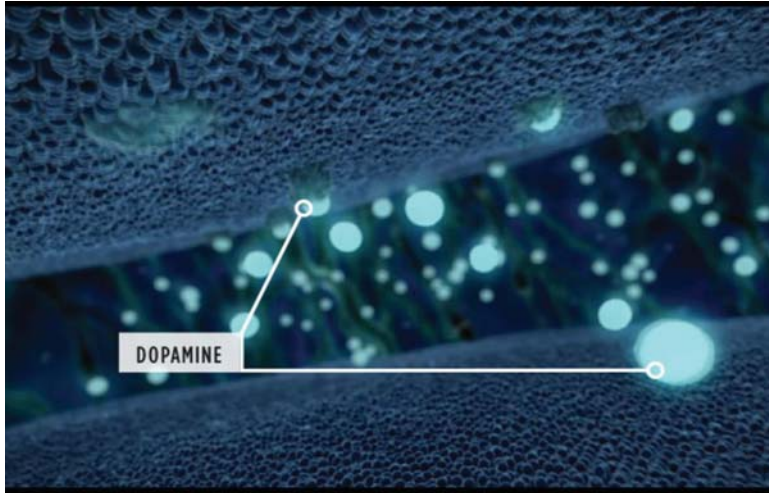
“Addiction is a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry. Dysfunction in these circuits leads to characteristic biological, psychological, social and spiritual manifestations. This is reflected in an individual pathologically pursuing reward and/or relief by substance use and other behaviors.”

ASAM Definition of Addiction – April 2011

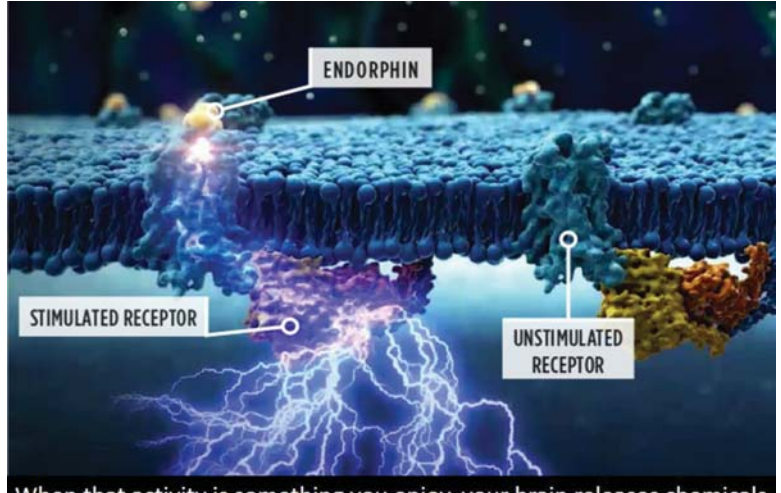


**Treatment and  
Medication-assisted  
treatment are not  
values issues**



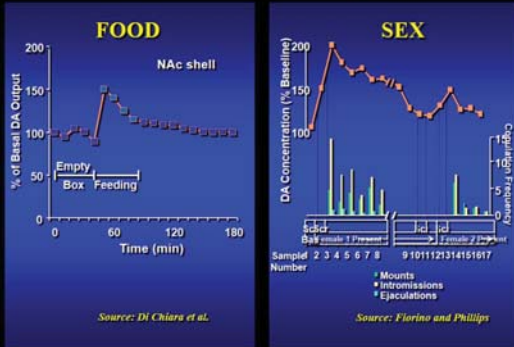


When the receptors are unlocked, they release neurotransmitters including dopamine in the brain. Dopamine gives you a good feeling to reward you for doing something you enjoy. This reward is what makes you want to repeat these behaviors.

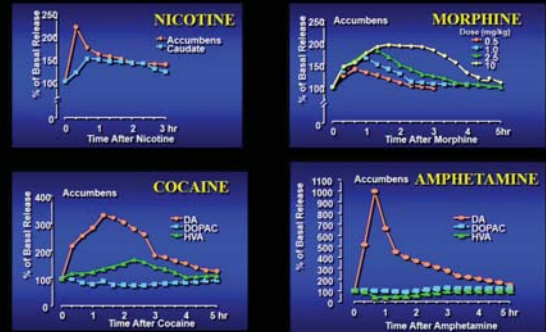


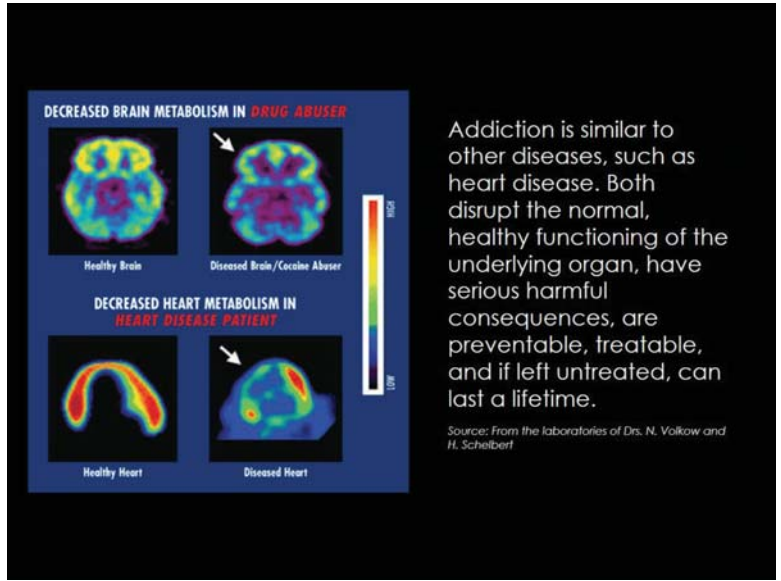
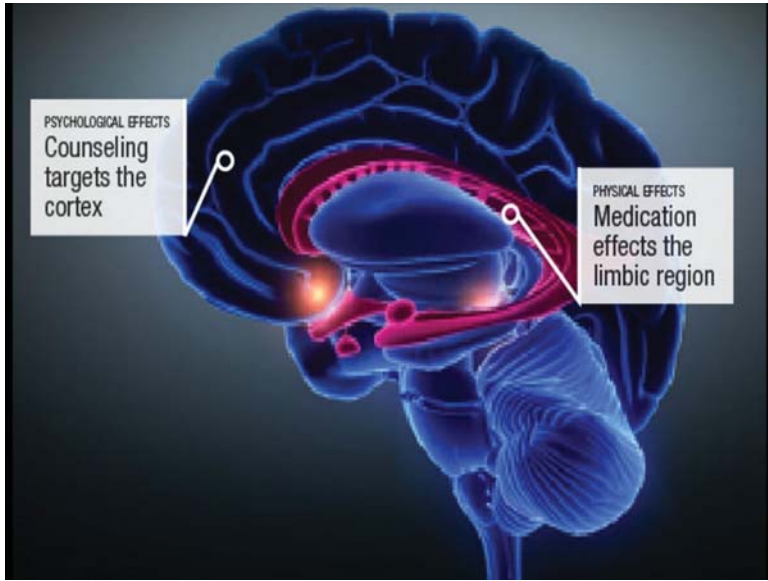
When that activity is something you enjoy, your brain releases chemicals called endorphins that make you feel good. Endorphins attach to receptors – much like a key fitting into a lock – and unlock the receptors.

### Natural Rewards Elevate Dopamine Levels



### Effects of Drugs on Dopamine Levels



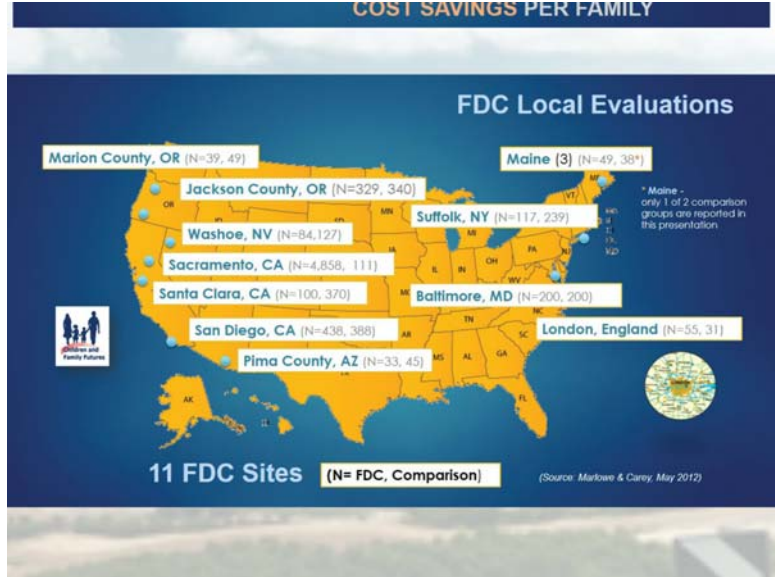






**Outcomes**

- HIGHER TREATMENT COMPLETION RATES
- SHORTER TIME IN FOSTER CARE
- HIGHER FAMILY REUNIFICATION RATES
- LOWER TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
- FEWER NEW CPS PETITIONS AFTER REUNIFICATION
- COST SAVINGS PER FAMILY





## Cost Savings Per Family

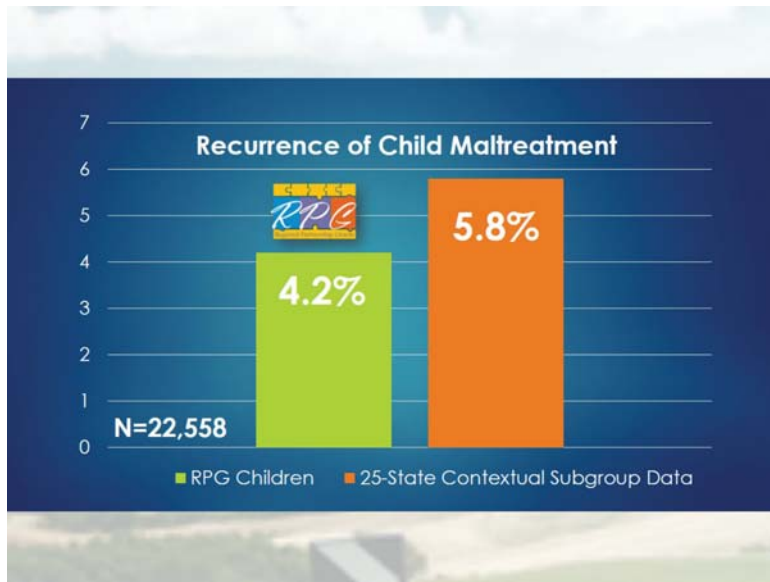
- \$5,022** Baltimore, MD *Burus, et al, 2011*
- \$5,593** Jackson County, OR *Carey, et al, 2010*
- \$13,104** Marion County, OR *Carey, et al, 2010* 44

**NADCP** need to **Know**  
National Association of Drug Court Professionals

**Research Update on Family Drug Courts**  
A Report of Douglas B. Marlowe, J.D., Ph.D. and Shannon Carey, Ph.D.  
Publication Date: May 2012

**To download, visit:**  
<http://www.nadcp.org/learn/need-know-briefs>





*We are learning more about*

**Serving Families**

**Serving Children**

A photograph of a family consisting of a mother, a father, and two young children, all smiling and looking towards the camera. The father is holding one of the children.

### Why Focus on Children

A photograph of a diverse group of children of various ethnicities and ages, smiling and standing in front of a chalkboard in a classroom setting.

- Although FDCs are about families, children's service needs are not typically part of FDC programs.
- We know a lot about how to support children of parents with substance abuse and addiction.
- It's the right thing to do.

## FDC Practice Improvements

Approaches to child well-being in FDCs have changed.



## Children Affected by Methamphetamine Grant Program



## Children Affected by Meth Grants (CAM)

- **Funded by SAMHSA** to focus on expanding and/or enhancing **services to improve the well-being, permanency, and safety outcomes of children**
- **12 Grantees** awarded; \$1.4 million over 4 years
- **Wide range** of program designs and program strategies
- Designated Services Coordinator
- Evidence Based Practices

## Challenges Being Addressed by CAM Grantees



- Parents need understanding and skill to meet children's needs
- Children need comprehensive assessments and services
- Parents and children need assessments and services to address trauma and relationship issues
- Families need access to supportive services following reunification

*We know more about* What Effective FDCs look like

**FDC Guidelines**

**Shared Outcomes**

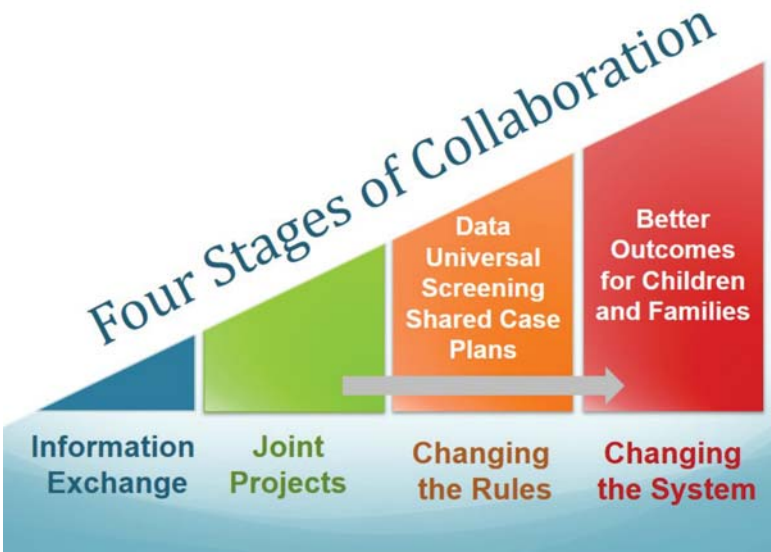
<p><b>Agency Collaboration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interagency Partnerships</li> <li>• Information Sharing</li> <li>• Cross System Knowledge</li> <li>• Funding &amp; Sustainability</li> </ul>	<p><b>Client Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Identification &amp; Assessment</li> <li>• Needs of Adults</li> <li>• Needs of Children</li> <li>• Community Support</li> </ul>
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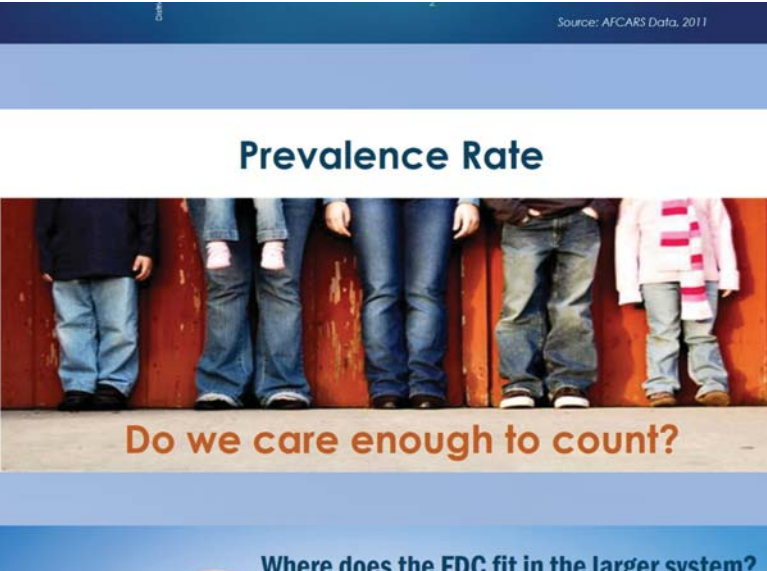
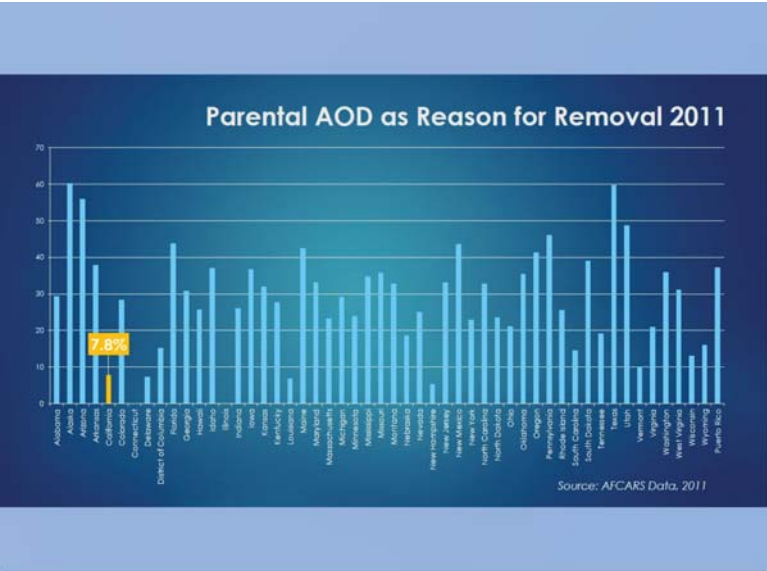
**Shared Mission & Vision**

**2013**

We can no longer say  
*"We don't know what to do."*

**The Challenges & Opportunities Ahead**





Where does the FDC fit in the larger system?

Most sit on top

Or on the side

In most states with multiple FDCs, the average serves 50 or less clients

- There are 38 FDCs in California
- 50 clients x 38 FDCs = 1900 parents
- 1900 parents x 1.75 = 3,325 children
- 3,325 children / 59,000 children in Out of Home Care\* = 5.6%

\* CMS/CWS - July 1, 2013

What about the other 90-95% of families?  
What happens to them?

## Affordable Health Care Act



## Better Prospects for Funding



## ACCESS

Earlier access results  
in better treatment outcomes



How will you ensure immediate access?

## PARITY and Priority

- Paul Wellstone Act (2008) - requires insurance coverage on par with primary health
- Substance Abuse and Prevention Block Grant Prevention
- Priority populations - pregnant women, IV drug users, HIV



How will you ensure CWS families  
achieve parity and be included?



How will you monitor outcomes?  
Keeping a Dashboard

- Timely access into treatment
- Length of stay in treatment
- Successful completion of treatment goals

What about the other the other 90% kids?

Where is?

Justice?

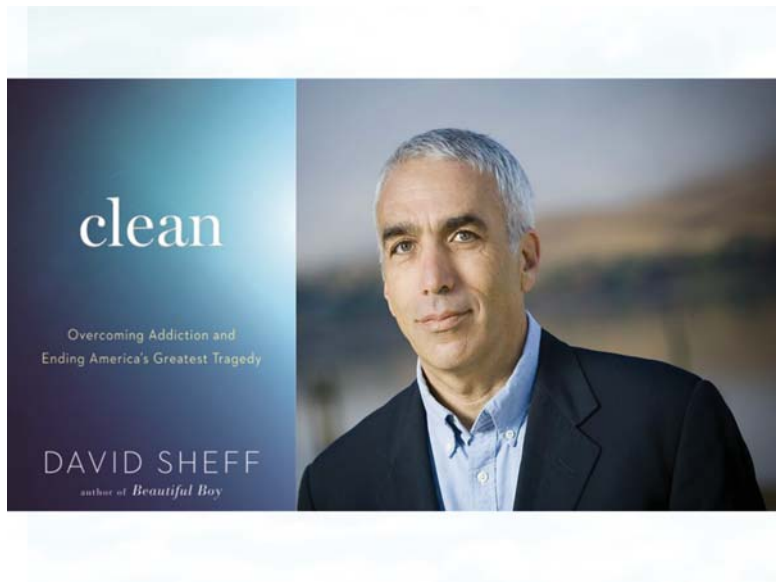
Reasonable  
efforts?

Fairness?

Pockets of Innovation

in FDCs





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