

Postnatal Risks - How you can make a difference



Course Time: Approximately 30 to 45 minutes including the pre and post tests.

Course Description:

This course describes how postnatal exposure to an environment where there is substance use and drug activity affects Drug Endangered Children (DEC) throughout their childhood and entire life. You will be able to recognize when a child is impacted and intervene as early as possible to maximize the child's potential outcomes. This course also explains how to use promising practices and DEC Protocols to sustain ongoing change and improve DEC outcomes.

Target audience:

Law enforcement, child welfare, medical, legal, education and first responders.

Learning Objectives:

After completing this course you will be able to:

- Identify postnatal risks of exposure to environments where there is substance use and drug activity.
- Recognize the importance of early identification and intervention in changing the trajectory of a child's life and breaking the intergenerational cycle of abuse.
- Identify the essential elements required for a multidisciplinary collaborative response to meet the needs of Drug Endangered Children.
- Use promising practices and DEC protocols to sustain ongoing change and improve DEC outcomes.
- Choose appropriate next steps to take after completing this module.

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