

Many parents who come into contact with the child welfare system use and/or abuse alcohol and other drugs (AOD), and that abuse impairs their parenting skills and threatens the safety of their children.

Drawing on the experience of several models of child welfare practice, this guidebook sets forth a policy framework that can assist child welfare agencies in responding to these overlapping problems. The authors describe several models where agencies have been able to develop effective ways of linking child welfare services and AOD treatment and set forth the pros and cons of these models. The text reviews innovative practices in both the child welfare and substance abuse treatment fields, including changes in approaches to families, in interviewing techniques, in community partnerships, and in using treatment outcomes to determine which programs are most effective for which clients.

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