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**The California
Evidence-Based
Clearinghouse**
for Child Welfare



The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC) provides information on selected evidence-based practices through a user-friendly website. The CEBC website's simple and straightforward format reduces the user's need to conduct literature searches, review extensive literature, or understand and critique research methodology. Evidence-based practices are reviewed and rated utilizing a Scientific Rating and a Relevance to Child Welfare Rating Scale. On the website, you will find salient information for each of the selected practices. Brief and detailed summaries are found for each reviewed practice.

What is evidence-based practice?

The field of child welfare has become increasingly focused on the importance of evidence-based practice to improve services for children and families. To be considered evidence-based, a practice must be consistent with the best research available, intersect with sound clinical judgment and experience, and align with the goals and values of the child/family being served.

How can evidence-based practice improve child welfare outcomes?

Child welfare outcomes can be improved through the consistent use of evidence-based practices by investing in programs that have been demonstrated to be effective in improving safety, permanency, and child and family well-being. The use of evidence-based practices can lead to improved outcomes, quality client care, and cost-effective services.

What can CEBC users expect to gain?

Public & Private Child Welfare Agency Directors and Leadership gain a critical tool for identifying, selecting, and implementing evidence-based practices for child welfare. In addition, child welfare leadership is provided with valuable information to assist with evaluating policy and funding decisions that are relevant to child welfare practice.

Front Line Supervisors and Staff gain information on the importance of evidence-based practices and the most up-to-date information on research-supported practices relative to the management of child welfare cases.

Community Service Providers gain useful tools for understanding the existing knowledge base regarding evidence-based practices for child welfare, for securing funding, and for partnering in the implementation of evidence-based practices.

Academic/Regional Training Institutions gain a means to integrate evidence-based child welfare practices into academic and training programs. Priority areas can be identified where further research is needed to provide evidence as a basis for improving child welfare practices. Students will learn effective means of identifying and assessing the effectiveness of practices related to child welfare.

The CEBC is one of the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) targeted efforts to improve the lives of children and families served within the child welfare system. The California Department of Social Services contracted with Children's Hospital, San Diego, Chadwick Center for Children & Families to create the CEBC.