



The DEC Approach “Moving from Awareness to Action...”

This training focuses on how to implement the DEC Approach, which is a strategy based on a common vision, ongoing collaboration between various disciplines and agencies, and ongoing changes in practice. The DEC Approach is effective in improving the likelihood of better outcomes for drug endangered children. This training provides insights about how all professionals are in a position to identify, protect, and serve drug endangered children and their families.

The trainers will discuss each of the DEC Approach components in-depth and will include various discussions and hands-on activities for each. Trainers will also facilitate discussions through these activities about implementation of the DEC Approach in the attendee’s communities.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the components, benefits, and challenges of the DEC Approach.
2. Understand the importance and benefits of sharing a common vision in the DEC Approach and in DEC efforts at various levels.
3. Gain insight about how our own experience, attitudes, values, and emotions impact effective efforts under the DEC Approach.
4. Gain insight about our collaborative partners to decrease frustrations when utilizing the DEC Approach.
5. Be able to implement changes in identification of children, mandatory reporting, evidence and information collection, and other changes in our respective practices on behalf of drug endangered children.

Who Should Attend:

Child Welfare, Law Enforcement, Prevention Professionals and Coalitions, Probation/Parole, Medical Professionals, Treatment Providers, Service Providers, Education and School Professionals, Fire, EMS, Judges and other Judicial Staff, Attorneys and GAL’s, Community Members, CASA, and Others who have a job which works with or impacts children and families