

National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children

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GOALS

- Raise awareness of the issue of drug endangered children.
- Provide support, information, and resources to all individuals and organizations that serve and care for drug endangered children.
- Facilitate multi-disciplinary, coordinated provisioning of services and care to drug endangered children.
- Prevent endangerment to children in dangerous drug environments by encouraging intervention at the earliest possible point.
- Develop and sustain a network of experts and professionals who can be called upon to conduct research, evaluate practices and procedures, and provide accurate advice and information regarding the needs of drug endangered children.

Tioga County—Children & Youth Services

1873 Shumway Hill Rd, Wellsboro, PA 16901



**NATIONAL ALLIANCE
FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN**

Rescue. Defend. Shelter. Support.



What is Handle w/ Care?

Tioga County's Drug Endangered Children Task Force is implementing a *Handle with Care* program.

Handle with Care is used to ensure that when a child has experienced a traumatic event in their lives, their school or daycare provider will receive a Handle with Care form as a "heads up" so they are aware that the child has had trauma in their lives and may be struggling.

Traumatic events in a child's life can result in outbursts, depression, poor academic performance, or any behavior concerns.

Examples of Traumatic Events

- Car Accident
- Death of a Family Member
- Death of a Pet
- Domestic Violence
- Drug Use
- House Fire

Or any other event that could cause a student excessive stress

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When a child has an experience that could be considered traumatic, designated school personnel will receive an email notifying them of the child's name and the date of the event.

Traumatic events in the life of a child can result in outbursts, depression, poor academic performance, or other behavior indicators observed by adults after the event is over, and which can result in disciplinary action by school personnel.

By informing the pertinent adults in a child's school environment, it is hoped that behaviors inappropriate or disruptive in a classroom will be addressed by teachers or counselors before administrative action is required.

The Tioga County Department of Human Services wants to share what we can with our schools to make sure the needs of children are not overlooked. Please contact us if there are any ways we can better serve you.



How to Refer

Handle with Care does not take the place of reporting suspected child abuse/neglect. **To report suspected child abuse/neglect please call Child-Line** at 1-800-932-0313 immediately.

Referring to Handle w/ Care

A Handle With Care report can be made by emailing the intake workers or supervisor at Family Services, Smayo@sam-inc.org, Nhorton@sam-inc.org and Mregalbuto@sam-inc.org a Handle With Care referral or calling one of these intake workers at 570-724-5766.

The only information required to make a referral:

- Name of the person making the referral
- Date of event with the child
- Child's name & age (approximate)
- Home Address (street & town would suffice).

There is no need to state any concerns or why the referral source had interaction with the child.

Contact Us

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