



Services For Families

Monthly Support Group

2nd Monday of Every Month 6:30-8:30pm

Monthly Trainings

4th Thursday of Every Month 6:30-8:30pm

Lending Library

Family Support Partners

For families with children 0-5 years old

Focused Parenting Get-Together

All About Baby Classes

Dad's "Break"fast

Giving Center

MADA's Kids Respite Program

For Locations & Class Schedules

Please call 909-350-4895

OR go to our Website

www.makingadifferenceassociation.org

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ASSOCIATION

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For more information on resources on drug/alcohol exposure please visit our website at:

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE ASSOCIATION



PROVIDING
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SUBSTANCE AND
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THEIR FAMILIES

About Making A Difference

Making A Difference Association (MADA) is a 501C3 non-profit organization that was founded in 2006 by a foster mother who had difficulties finding support and resources for her substance exposed foster children.

Mission:

To provide support to drug and alcohol affected and other high risk children and their families by fostering community partnering of resources to "Make A Difference".

MADA believes that it is important for parents/caregivers to feel accepted and encouraged to develop their leadership skills to become change agents. Receiving concrete and emotional supports, effective tools and programs, and the knowledge of the systems in which parents and/or their children are involved in will help parents/caregivers to develop the life changing skills to not only advocate for their own children but also on behalf of all children and their families. MADA believes that partnering with parents/caregivers is imperative to providing relevant services for families. MADA takes pride in having parents meaningfully involved in all aspects of its organizational structure.



What is Substance Exposure?

Substance (drug and/or alcohol) exposure refers to children whose brain and/or bodies have been affected because their parents used drugs or alcohol during pregnancy, AND to children living in homes where drugs are abused and/or are illegally made, sold, traded, or given away.

FAST FACTS

- ✚ Drug and alcohol abuse contributes to 75% of cases of child abuse and neglect of children in foster care. CASA, 1999.
- ✚ Nearly 80% of children in foster care have prenatal exposure to maternal substance abuse. Zero To Three April/May 2002 Dicker, S & Gordon, E. Page 28
- ✚ 80% of the children in foster care have at least one long-term health problem. Zero To Three April/May 2002 Dicker, S & Gordon, E. Page 28
- ✚ 25% of children in foster care have 3 or more long-term health problems. Zero To Three April/May 2002 Dicker, S & Gordon, E. Page 28

Understanding Behaviors:

Try to understand that “behaviors” you see might be the only way that a child can express their feelings. You can help them learn healthy ways to show their feelings (talk, write, and draw pictures).

Prenatal drug exposure can cause damage to the developing brain. The child’s brain may be misfiring. What you think is odd or difficult behavior might be something the child cannot control. This is why getting professional help from someone that understands drug exposure (physical and mental health) is very important.

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