



## Making A Difference Association (MADA)

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Making A Difference Association (MADA) *Provides support to drug and alcohol affected and other high risk children and their families by fostering community partnerships to provide needed resources that "Make A Difference".*

### **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.

### ***Services and Supports:***

*FREE CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED FOR ALL PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW*

### **Website**

MADA's website allows easy access to current local training opportunities, community resources and information directly related to drug/alcohol exposure and foster/relative care giving. Previously recorded trainings are also available for viewing on line.

### **Support & Training**

Rancho Mediterranean Estates at the Club House  
700 E Washington St  
Colton, CA 92324

Training - Every 2nd. Monday From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Support - The Last Thursday Of The Month From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### ***CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE***

With the Generous support of Cal State San Bernardino through their program CUIDAR. Training hours are also given with the approval of the Department of Children's Services. INFORMAL DINNER IS SERVED.

### **Lending Library**

Making A Difference has educational materials for loan. These materials have been provided through generous grants from *March of Dimes* and *Children's Network*. Please contact Pam Berger at [pnjberger@hotmail.com](mailto:pnjberger@hotmail.com) if you would like to borrow resources from the library.

### **Dr. Kiti's Fund for Moms**

Funding will be available to moms for needed items, programs, services. More information will be available soon.

### **Family Support Partners**

*Program funded by children's Network and First 5*

West Valley SART Program has partnered with Making A Difference Association to provide Family Support Partners (FSP) to work with families who are in need of additional supports and linkages to other services, programs and community resources. Family Support Partners are experienced and understanding parents that have successfully

navigated complex systems and who have achieved positive outcomes for children who have emotional and behavioral disorders.

Family Support Partners are also available for families that are caring for a child 0-5 years old in the San Bernardino area.

**Focused Parenting Get-Togethers** (this session will focus on children 6-12 years old)

May 12, 2009

May 19, 2009

Session I

Session II

6:00-7:00pm

7:00-8:00 pm

Making A Difference is providing families with the opportunity to learn "hands on" tools and strategies to properly care for children that have been drug, alcohol or trauma exposed. A caregiver's understanding of their children's behavior, physical "cues," and developmental problems, goes a long way in helping their substance or trauma exposed infant, toddler, and teen meet their potential.

*Dr. Freier Randall*, Making A Difference Association and Children's Network are partnering to provide **FREE** personalized training sessions to families that are caring for children with moderate to severe developmental and behavioral problems.

Children from age six to twelve years old

Does your school age child have issues with:

- hyperactivity
- a short attention span
- losing control easily
- mood swings and problems moving from one activity to another.
- difficulties processing auditory or visual information/instructions.

\*No more than four families will be accepted per session. Pre-registration is required. Childcare will be provided. Additional sessions will be available monthly for children in other age groups.

**Infant Giving Center**

Beginning May 2009

MADA will be accepting requests from families in the San Bernardino County area that are in need of items to care for a drug/alcohol effected infant, ages 0-12 months old. Items will be available FREE of charge, when available, to qualified families beginning April 2009.

Items available: sling (infant carrier), receiving blanket, lavender scented bath products, music CD, children's book, developmental toy, and educational brochures.

\*Available items have been found to reduce fussiness, sleeplessness and promote bonding and development. Forms and guidelines will be available online at [www.makingadifferenceassociation.org](http://www.makingadifferenceassociation.org).

**Foster Parents and Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Webinar**

[www.nationaldec.org](http://www.nationaldec.org)

May 20, 2009

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Presenter: **Tammy DeHesa - Making A Difference Association**

[Registration opens May 6]

**Dad's "Break"fast**

Sunday, June 14, 2009 8:00-9:30 am

This group meets the third Sunday morning of every month

Dad's "Break"fast was designed to give fathers/caregivers in the Inland Empire a time to hang out, once a month, over breakfast. This group offers men a time to share, give & receive support and obtain community resources. Led by a foster/adoptive father of children with special needs, this group is open to all fathers who are in need of support and encouragement. Childcare is FREE but MUST be arranged in advance. Please call for the specific meeting location.

**"All About Baby" Classes**

Monday Nights *\*Except July 13, there will be no class*

June 15- August 3, 2009 6:00-7:30 pm

*Program partially funded by children's Network and First 5*

"All About Baby" is a 7 week class that embraces the principles of "Shared Parenting". Infants (0-10 months old) and their caregivers and/or biological parents are invited to take part in a very special program designed especially for children that have been drug, alcohol or trauma exposed. Come learn strategies to help your infant with unpredictable sleeping patterns, feeding difficulties, irritability, sensitivity to light/sound/touch and so much more. This class will offer you the opportunity to bond with your baby or the baby in your care while receiving relational support, tools and resources. These classes will provide a secure environment for families to develop lifelong connections while learning, laughing and make a difference in the lives of the child(ren) they are caring for. Childcare for children over 10 months will be provided FREE of charge. Limit of 6 families per session. Family Support Partners will be available to families upon request.

**Early Intervention Bridging Services**

Dates to be announced

*Program funded by children's Network and First 5*

*Is your infant/toddler having difficulties or is on a waiting list to receive needed services?*

This program is designed for families that are caring for a substance or trauma exposed infant or toddler (0-3 yrs old). Is your infant currently experiencing any of the following problems?

- Unpredictable sleeping patterns
- Issues with sound, light, and/or touch
- Irritability
- Difficult social interactions
- Delayed language development
- Poor fine motor development
- Minimal play strategies
- Frequent temper tantrums or uncontrollable crying

Then you can apply for bridging services with an Early Intervention Specialist and a Family Support Partner. Bridging Services are intended to provide your child with needed intervention services until they can access long term care. A Family Support Partner will also help to link your child to needed supports, services, programs and resources. You can also receive additional support to fill out the needed paperwork required for your child to receive services such as Medical, Regional Center, SART, WIC, Etc.

\*Bridging services are NOT intended to replace the services of a physician, nor does it constitute a doctor-patient relationship.