

## Coshocton County Team Attends All-Sites Meeting

The Quality Improvement Center (QIC) Collaborative Community Court Team from Coshocton County attended the annual National Quality Improvement Center All-Sites meetings held recently in Newport Beach, California to review progress and challenges of the sites selected as part of the QIC grant.

Each of the 15 sites chosen demonstrated the readiness and commitment to improve outcomes for infants and families affected by substance use disorders and prenatal substance exposure. With the assistance of dedicated Training and Technical Assistance Change Teams, demonstration sites will design, implement and test new and innovative approaches that meet the requirements of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and that better meet the needs of infants and families. Evaluation findings and lessons from demonstration sites will provide the field and local courts across the country with valuable information on the most effective multi-system strategies and approaches to improve the way in which parents and caregivers and their children are served.



**Coshocton Team Members in attendance included: Juvenile Court Judge Van Blanchard II, Court Administrator Doug Schonauer, County Health Director of Nursing Tammy Smith, QIC Coordinator Leondra Davis, First Step FVIS Executive Director Vickie Casey, Knox & Coshocton Board of DD Superintendent Steve Oster, Help Me Grow Director of Home Visiting Rachel Addy, Family Drug Court Coordinator JoAnn Uhlig, Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices CNP Marissa Stein, Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices Clinician Crystal Kiser, Children Services Supervisor Jenn Selders and Allwell Behavioral Health Clinician Melinda Jones.**

Progress made in Coshocton County since project inception in mid-2018 includes:

- Assist in developing locally Child Parent Psychotherapy and Parent Child Interaction Therapy
- In-County Medication Assisted Treatment for pregnant women
- Enhanced relationships with Knox Community Hospital, Genesis Health Systems, and Coshocton Regional Medical Center
- Sponsorship of 2 internationally known speakers: Dr. Ira Chasnoff and Dr. Christie Brandt
- Enhanced Services at the Pre-natal Health Clinic
- Expanded & Enhanced Treatment Court Services
- Cross systems data collection and assessment referrals
- Trauma Informed training for early childhood providers and county systems staff
- Early identification system of infants, toddlers and families impacted by parental substance use

**About the Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams (QIC-CCCT)**

The Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams (QIC-CCCT) is federally-funded by the Children’s Bureau (CB) of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). As part of this funding, Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) is conducting an evaluation to study this program and others like it around the country. The evaluation aims to learn about the services families are receiving, how services can be improved, and how families do over time. The information may also be used to help state and federal governments make future funding decisions.

The Supreme Court of Ohio and a state assembled Core Team including Ohio Medicaid, Ohio Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio DJFS, and many others provide technical assistance, support, and oversight to Coshocton, Fairfield, and Trumbull Counties as part of this 3 year grant initiative.