



MISSION of IMPACT

A two-generational approach to improve the quality of services to reduce health disparities of children impacted by substance use.

IMPACT WV

To meet the mission of IMPACT WV we plan to INCREASE:

- Communication across providers
- Comprehensive services directed to families
- Coordination of services within, and outside of IMPACT system

In order to accomplish these goals, IMPACT WV will:

- Identify info needed to provide comprehensive service to the families
- Address the need for trained providers with the educational portal
- Connect trained providers to share learned information
- Share information at the outside level

The IMPACT approach is comprised of five levels:

1. Family
2. Service Providers
3. Communication Across Service Providers
4. Larger Systems
5. National



Our Approach

The IMPACT WV project is working with communities to create opportunities and address needs of children diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) or exposed to substances in utero.

The program's goal is to improve the health and well-being of children diagnosed with NAS, women who were, or are, using substances, and their families who receive services from home visiting programs.

Services developed to increase resiliency against these experiences must incorporate attention to sociodeterminants of health including: limited adult education, limited employment, increasing homelessness, and limited family access to both social services (transportation, housing, utilities, food insecurity, and intrapersonal violence) and health care services (including behavioral/mental health). IMPACT is a research study designed to develop strategies to expand services that encourage children's healthy development and help families overcome barriers to achieving financial security and independence.

The WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities is collaborating with WV Home Visitation Providers to provide additional services to families who enroll in the WV IMPACT study. The proposed approach will expand the home visitation infrastructure and training capacity within a six-county region of WV that is most impacted by the physical, economic, and social effects of maternal substance use and NAS. Evidence-based programming for parental depression, service coordination with substance use providers within the region, social service patient navigation, and the availability of education, employment, and development specialists is intended to expand the current home visitation model.



Learning Portal

IMPACT WV is developing an online clearing house for training and resources for families and providers. Users will learn about best practices and strategies to work together to build family supports so children grow up healthy, strong and ready to learn. The clearinghouse will showcase resources, checklists, tools, webinars and learning modules.

Courses

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Addressing Challenging Behaviors
- Child Development
- Education and Employment
- Family Strengthening
- Mental Health
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Social/Parent Support
- Social Services
- Substance Use
- Stigma

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