



# Children's Commission.

## For Judges and Lawyers Handling Child Protective Services Cases

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### Drug Court Grant Opportunity

The National Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams (QIC-CCCT) recently announced a grant opportunity for 15 demonstration sites nationwide. The QIC-CCCT is an initiative aimed at addressing the needs of infants and families affected by substance abuse disorders and prenatal substance exposure. The focus of the 30 month project will be on implementation of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) amendments to the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA).

The training and technical assistance from the QIC-CCCT will help courts build capacity, gather valuable data, and create a sustainable plan to meet the needs of infants, children, and families impacted by substance abuse. There is a limit of no more than three demonstration sites per state, with each site receiving \$70,000 annually to support the staff training on evidence-based parent child interventions, developmental or other therapeutic services for children, a court coordinator or plan of safe care coordinator, and evaluation support. Applications must be submitted by 7PM Central Standard Time on Friday, February 23, 2018.

The Children's Commission, which administers the Texas Court Improvement Program, will not submit an application; however, local jurisdictions which choose to apply as the lead agency must do so via Pathway 2 (explained in the application). Applications must be submitted directly to QIC-CCCT. Other local or tribal agencies such as child welfare, substance use disorder prevention and treatment, and hospitals may also submit applications as the lead in partnership with their local dependency court. Because dissemination of information about effective practices is a critical component of this initiative, collaboration with the Children's Commission and a letter of support from the Commission is required. Teams which are interested in pursuing this opportunity should contact the Children's Commission at [children@txcourts.gov](mailto:children@txcourts.gov) as part of the application process.

The Request for Proposal, instructions on how to submit an application, and all associated documentation required to submit an application can be found at: <https://www.cffutures.org/qic-ccct-demonstration-sites/>.



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