

CASE STUDY: OPIOID-SPECIFIC TRAINING INITIATIVE CUSTOMIZED FOR FLORIDA

In April 2017, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (Opioid STR) funding to all states and U.S. territories. Florida's Department of Children and Families (DCF) recognized the devastating impact opioid use was having on its child welfare and family court systems—as well as on affected families—and dedicated funding to a statewide opioid training initiative.

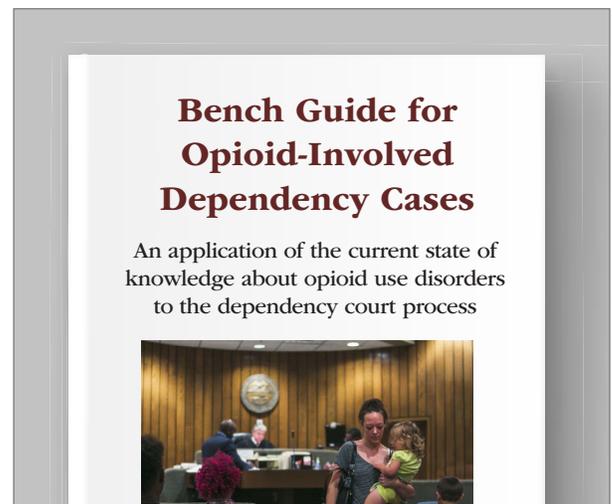


Under Florida's STR initiative, JBS International worked collaboratively with Florida DCF staff, system leaders, and key stakeholders to:

- Develop and implement a rapid-cycle opioid training needs assessment;
- Develop a series of face-to-face and virtual training modules;
- Develop a series of resources to extend opioid learning and apply it in daily practice—including toolkits such as a judicial bench guide, opioid-specific motivational interviewing scripts for child welfare staff, and a learning activity for child welfare supervisors.

All training products and resources are designed to help child welfare professionals, judicial representatives, and advocates:

- Identify opioid use among child welfare-involved parents;
- Improve decision-making around child safety, child well-being, placement, and permanency;
- Connect those in need to opioid use disorder treatment with medications and recovery support; and
- Reduce opioid overdose-related deaths.



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Please contact Jennifer Kasten for more information about this exciting initiative or to explore opportunities to work with JBS International to customize opioid learning opportunities for your state or territory.

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