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The University of Cincinnati Center For Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCCEDD) receives grant for Project SCOPE from the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

CINCINNATI, OHIO – The University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCCEDD), along with the Nisonger Center at The Ohio State University and The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND), has been awarded a grant from the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD). The grant will enable this group to develop a training initiative called **Project SCOPE: Supporting Children on the OPIod Epidemic**, to address neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) and neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS).

The training is intended to share research and evidence-based practices with practitioners, related to screening, monitoring and care for children diagnosed with NAS/NOWS, or who are suspected of opioid use impact and related trauma exposure. The Project SCOPE team will develop a pilot curriculum, along with an interdisciplinary training model that will link research to the practical application of supporting children and families impacted by opioid misuse in local communities. The end goal is to improve outcomes, provide opportunities to share knowledge with national networks and federal agencies and to provide recommendations for future interventions.

This project is being administered through the Association of University Centers on Disability which represents a collaboration between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

About The University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

The vision of the UCCEDD, which is part of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and affiliated with the University of Cincinnati, is that all people, including children and adults living with disabilities, and their families, fully participate in society and live healthy, safe, self-determined and productive lives. UCCEDD is a leader in working with and on behalf of children and adults with disabilities and their families so they can lead the lives they want. The UCCEDD accomplishes its mission through education, training, research, impact on policy and information dissemination. The Center is designated as a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) by the United States Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. www.ucucedd.org

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