The Quality Improvement Center for Research-Based Infant-Toddler Court Teams

*Purpose and Principles*

**QIC-CT Purpose Statement**

Support implementation and build knowledge of effective, collaborative court team interventions that transform child welfare systems for infants, toddlers, and families.

**QIC-CT Principles**

- Build strong families and healthy communities for very young children
- Respect and honor family and community strengths, vulnerabilities, and diversity
- Ensure equity for infants, toddlers, and families
- Commit to social justice for all infants, toddlers, and families in their communities
- Demonstrate an attitude of self-awareness, respect, and humility toward diverse points of view
- Build genuine relationships based on mutual trust and respect
- Practice openness in a dynamic learning system with an understanding that everyone has a contribution to make
- Maintain transparency in research and evaluation that is relevant and useful for the community
- Empower communities to improve programs and transform systems
- Improve practice by bringing the science of early childhood development into the courtroom
- Base our work on research related to evidence-based practices and interventions
- Disseminate project findings and other resources in a clear and relevant manner that supports project replication, program improvement, and sustainable systems change
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