

The ♥ Strong Start ♥ Study

*Strengthening Young Families Affected by Substance Use
through High Fidelity Wraparound*

QIC-EC Research & Demonstration Project

Project Site: Denver Metro Area



Lead Organization: JFK Partners

University of Colorado Denver
School of Medicine

Department of Psychiatry

Department of Pediatrics



JFK Partners

Promoting Families, Health and Development

Collaborative Partnership

1) JFK Partners – University of Colorado

University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

2) Division of Behavioral Health

Women's Substance Use
Disorders Treatment

(Special Connections)

**Colorado
Department of
Human Services**

3) Division of Developmental Disabilities

Early Intervention Colorado

(Part C)



Target Population

- ♥ Pregnant women in substance use treatment
(Special Connections)
- ♥ Infants who experienced prenatal exposure to Alcohol & Other Drugs (AoD)
(Part C Early Intervention)



Study Participants

Special Connections Programs



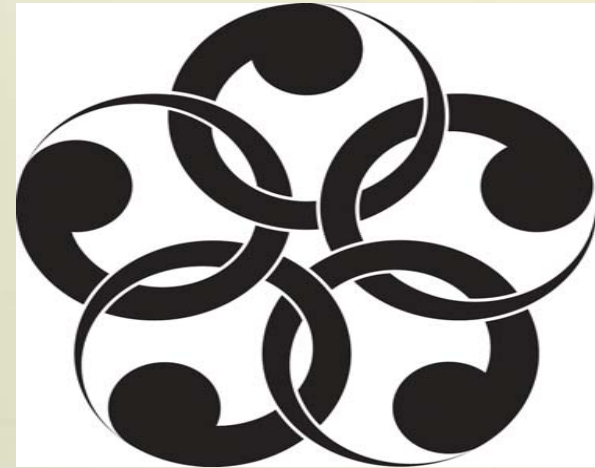
Outpatient Women's
Treatment Services (OWTS)



Arapahoe House, Inc.
Aspen Center

Study Approach

- Experimental Design
 - Group Comparison
 - Intervention v. Control



- Intervention - High Fidelity Wraparound
 - Team-based Support Network
 - Collaborative Interventions – Formal Supports
 - Special Connections – AoD Treatment
 - Part C - Developmental Screening & Services

Anticipated Outcomes

♥ Sustained Recovery

♥ Healthy Birth outcomes

♥ Established Support Network

♥ Increased systems Collaboration

Anticipated Challenges - (3) RRRs

- Retention

- Relapse

- Resources

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