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# Substance Abuse

Research indicates that 92% of our clients have substance abuse issues. Concerning good practice, it is equally important that we understand the negative effects on substance abuse on parents, as well as, children.

1. Meet with your supervisor and inquire about the number of cases in your unit that currently have substance abuse as a major reason for agency involvement. Once you have the information, record it below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of cases with Substance Abuse Issues

2. Observe a co-worker on a visit for a case that you have been assigned to shadow, that is involved with child welfare primarily due to substance abuse issues. If your supervisor agrees, you may instead have your co-worker observe you.
3. With the figure you obtained above and the observations you made while shadowing or conducting the visit, go to the Internet and research the impact of substance abuse on families and children involved with Child Protection Services (CPS). There are many articles that address this subject matter, feel free to choose the article that interests you most.
4. Write a brief summary (3-4 paragraphs) regarding the content in the article. Cite the article name and the reference number on the activity sheet so that your supervisor will have the information to debrief with you:

**I discussed the following with my supervisor regarding the impact of substance abuse on children and families involved with Child Protection Services:**