

Referrals and Information

Services and consultations related to prenatal substance exposure and child development are available through A Better Chance program. To make a referral or for more information about A Better Chance, contact our program office at (405) 271-6824, ext 122.



The university of Oklahoma is a Equal Opportunity Institution. Accommodations on the basis of disability are available by contacting A Better Chance program at (405) 271-6824, ext 122, as soon as possible.



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*Helping high-risk
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A special program for special children

About A Better Chance



A Better Chance is a program for infants and children who were exposed to drugs and/or alcohol before birth. These infants/children are considered at high risk for difficulties in their development. They may have problems with how they

grow, think, talk, and move. Behavior problems are often present. Due to the special circumstances of these children, families and caregivers may experience increased concerns, stress, frustration, and feelings of isolation. It is our belief that by working with the families, children, and their families from a very early age, the risk and potential difficulties can be reduced. Through involvement in A Better Chance the outcome for the infants/children and their families is expected to be better and brighter.

Services Available Through A Better Chance

- Provide comprehensive developmental evaluations to children with prenatal substance exposure from **birth through 6 years of age**
- Provide information and guidance to families who are caring for high-risk infants/children
- Provide support to families and caregivers
- Offer specialized interventions such as infant massage and behavior management.
- Provide services to aid in adoption or family reunification
- Coordinate with other programs and agencies in the community to enhance services to infants/children and families.
- Provide consultation and training to professionals/agencies working with this special population.

Who Can Participate?

Infants and children from birth through 6 years of age who were exposed to drugs and/or alcohol before birth may participate in A Better Chance. All caregivers of these children are included in services. These may include biological parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, or relative caregivers. For children older than 6 years of age, consultations, limited services, and referrals are available.

Payment

Every infant/child eligible for A Better Chance will be offered services regardless of ability to pay. Insurance, Medicaid, or other third party sources, if available, will be billed for services.

A Better Chance is a program at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Child Study Center, Department of Pediatrics.

All services are developed to help these special infants and children reach their full potential.

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