

## **Sean Couch**

Mr. Couch has over 18 years of community- and state-level experience in the mental health and substance abuse services field. In 2009, he received the Commissioner's Award of Excellence, the highest award given by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS).

As Senior Program Associate with Children and Family Futures' In-Depth Technical Assistance Program (IDTA), Mr. Couch provides training and technical assistance to tribes, states, and local jurisdictions to improve outcomes for families impacted by parental substance use, infants prenatally exposed to substances, and families engaged in child welfare as a result of parental substance use or prenatal substance exposure. Mr. Couch has been a speaker at multiple national events focusing on stigma reduction, implementation of Plans of Safe Care, and strategies to improve outcomes for families impacted by parental substance use and infants prenatally exposed to substances.

As Project Director for Oklahoma's Regional Partnership Grant, Mr. Couch oversaw the development and launch of the state's first clinic providing trauma-informed prenatal care, substance use treatment, and recovery supports for pregnant people and their families.

Mr. Couch holds a Bachelor of Science in Training and Development from the University of Central Oklahoma; he is also a graduate of the ODMHSAS Executive Leadership Academy. Mr. Couch specializes in building the capacity of community, county, and Tribal organizations for cross-systems collaborative practices to improve child and family outcomes.