



# CARES

NACoA's mission is to eliminate the adverse impact of alcohol and drug use on children and families. NACoA partners with PTACC, the Police Treatment and Community Collaborative. We share a vision to strategically enhance the quantity and quality of community behavioral health and social services options through engagement in deflection and pre-arrest diversion. We emphasize helping children that are on location when first responders arrive.

The following CARES acronym outlines the assistance for children that Police and first responders can give to kids.

## Child(ren) Present?

**Assess** risk and safety factors, especially living conditions.

**Refer** to community programs and extended family members to enhance support and safety.

**Explain** whenever possible, what's taking place to help children understand.

**Share** additional community resources which can help.

NACoA can offer assessment, referrals, explanations, and additional supports. That is how we show CARES to the kids.

One of the best resources to help children:

**Tools for Kids**



## Learn More

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