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New Publication Available: A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders

SAMHSA, in collaboration with the Administration for Children and Families, has released a new publication [*A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders: Practice and Policy Considerations for Child Welfare, Collaborating Medical and Service Providers*](#). This publication can support the efforts of states, tribes, and local communities to address the needs of pregnant women with opioid use disorders and their infants and families. It presents a coordinated, multi-systemic approach grounded in early identification and intervention, to assist child welfare, medical, substance use treatment and other systems to develop an approach to support families.

The publication provides:

- An overview of the extent of opioid use by pregnant women and the effects on the infant
- Evidence-based recommendations for treatment approaches
- An in-depth case study
- A guide for collaborative planning
- Tools to conduct a needs and gap analysis and to develop a collaborative action plan



Join Our 2-Part Webinar Series: Developing a Collaborative Approach to Addressing the Opioid Crisis

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Date: Monday, September 19, 2016

Time: 10:00am-11:30am Pacific | 11:00am-12:30pm Mountain | 12:00pm-1:30pm | 1:00pm-2:30pm Eastern

This first webinar in the series will present an overview and introduction to the newly released SAMHSA publication, [*A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders: Practice and Policy Considerations for Child Welfare, Collaborating Medical and Service Providers*](#). The publication supports the efforts of states, tribes, and local

communities in addressing the needs of pregnant women with opioid use disorders, their infants and families.

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Time: 9:30am-11:30am Pacific | 10:30am-12:30pm Mountain | 11:30am-1:30pm | 12:30pm-2:30pm Eastern

The second webinar in the series, *Partnering to Treat Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders: Lessons Learned from a Six Site Initiative*, will provide an overview and share lessons from the SAMHSA-funded initiative, [Substance Exposed Infants In-Depth Technical Assistance](#) program. The webinar will feature key findings learned in developing a collaborative approach from the six sites participating in the program – Connecticut, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Jersey, Virginia and West Virginia.

[Check Out New Resources on Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders](#)

The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) also created new webpages to highlight resources on best practices in the treatment of opioid use disorders and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). Resources are categorized into the following six sections:

- [NCSACW Webinar Series on Opioid Use Disorders and Treatment](#)
- [Essential Information About the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders](#)
- [Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders in Pregnancy](#)
- [Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome](#)
- [Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment](#)
- [Site Examples](#)

Access the updated resources [here](#).

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- [Tutorial 1: Understanding Child Welfare and the Dependency Court: A Guide for Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals](#)
- [Tutorial 2: Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment and Family Recovery: A Guide for Child Welfare Professionals](#)
- [Tutorial 3: Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment, and Family Recovery: A Guide for Legal Professionals](#)

About the NCSACW

The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and jointly funded by SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau's Office on Child Abuse and Neglect.