

Keeping Families Together

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Land Acknowledgement & Mindful Opener



www.motherearthwaterwalk.com/?attachment_id=2244


WHO IS IN THE ROOM?

Primary Role: Judicial Officer, Attorney, Parent Ally, Social Worker, Court or Child Welfare Administration (including Court Coordinator), Community Partner/Provider, Foster Parent/Kin Caregiver, Researcher/Trainer/Consultant, IMH Treatment Provider, Other Not Listed (**select one**)


Are you engaged with a program that targets families pre-filing? **Yes/No/Only Peripherally**

Are you engaged with programs/services specifically targeting pregnant parents and their newborns who are at risk for removal due to substance use in pregnancy? **Yes/No/Only Peripherally**

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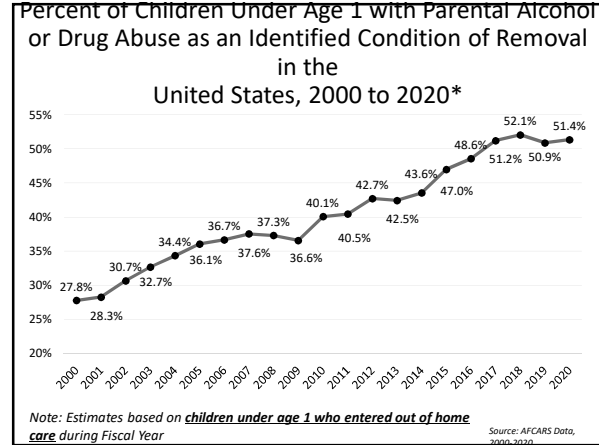
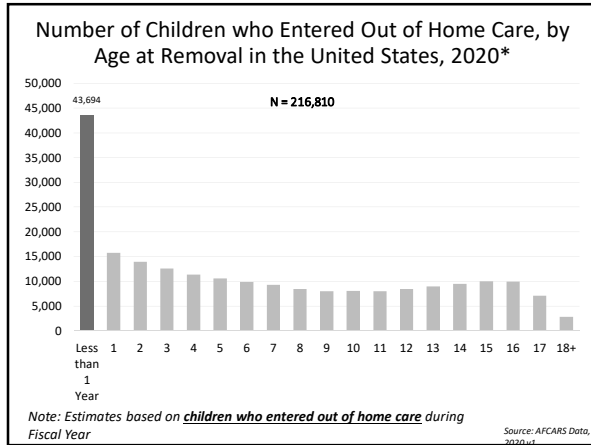
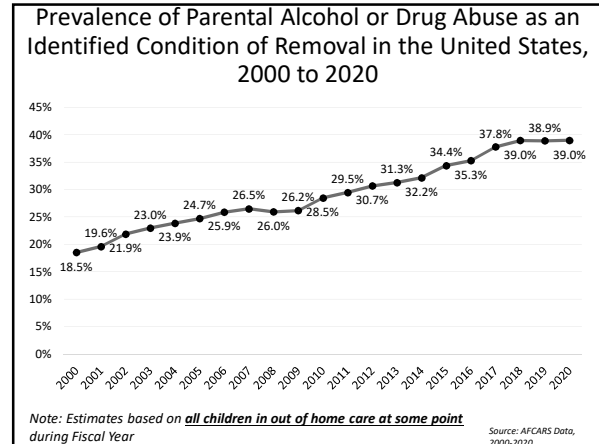
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- Brain Changing Time
- Pre-Filing Representation
- Medical-Legal Partnerships
- Eat, Sleep, Console



An Urgent Challenge

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www.cffutures.org




Perinatal Prime Time

Brain Changing Opportunities


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Babies Come Relationship Ready



Babies are born (hard-wired) to fit into social relationships

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Parent Brains Are Primed for Perinatal Change

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Brain Supporting Solutions

MUST BE

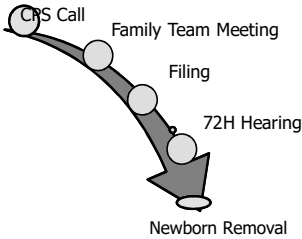
Relationship Supporting Solutions

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Plans of Safe Care
Family Care Plans

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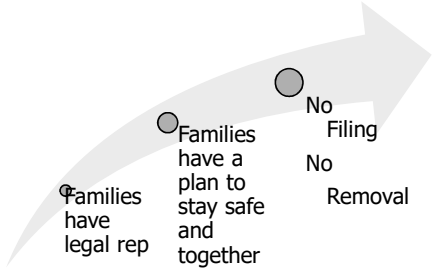
Possibilities in Pre-Filing Representation



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graph TD; A[CPS Call] --> B[Family Team Meeting]; B --> C[Filing]; C --> D[72H Hearing]; D --> E[Newborn Removal];
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A Different Trajectory



Families have legal rep

Families have a plan to stay safe and together

No Filing

No Removal

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Family Intervention to Stop Trauma



F.I.R.S.T.
CLINIC
FAMILY INTERVENTION RESPONSE TO STOP TRAUMA

<https://thefirstclinic.org/>

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Powerful Partnerships

Developing Interdisciplinary Representation

Building Community Relationships
Centering Shared Vision and Goals

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Changing Relationships

- Increased Prenatal Engagement
- Empowered 'Mandatory Supporters'
- Family Advocacy from Medical Team
- Practice Change for Everyone

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Medical - Legal Partnerships

<https://medical-legalpartnership.org/>

**Health Equity Through
Medical-Legal Partnerships
American Hospital Association**

Kara R. Finck, Medical Legal Partnerships and Child Welfare: An Opportunity for Intervention and Reform, 28, Widener Commw. L. Rev. 23 (2019)
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Q & A

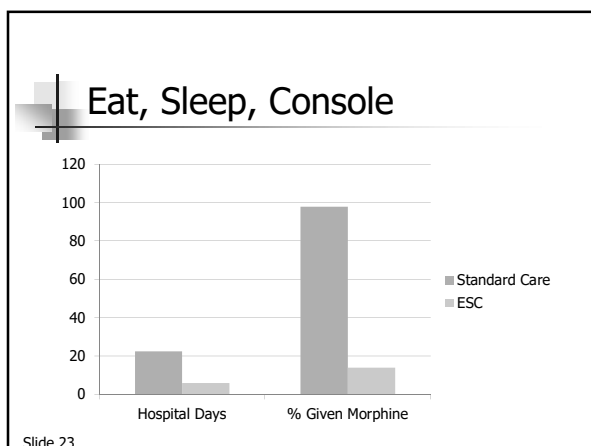
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Eat, Sleep, Console

Compassion and Care: Supporting Women with Substance Use Disorders and their Newborns

www.pcrprograms.org/e-learning/

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Eat, Sleep, Console

<https://ncsacw.acf.hhs.gov/>


**Updated Guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) on the Treatment of Infants with Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome
January 26, 2021**

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The Center for Therapeutic Interventions

Prenatal FCP initiated & Monitored by SUD/OTP Provider
*(Data from October 2019-December 2021)

S.A.F.E.R. Program
 Safely Advocating for Families Engaged in Recovery



63 Prenatal Family Care Plans Implemented

Outcomes	
50	Babies born w/ C/I SAFER FCP
5	DHS Investigation at Birth
0	DHS Custody of Child (Foster Care)
3	VSA of FCS Child home w/ Family
13	Pregnant Women currently in Care
0	Baby NICU Stay due to NAS
50	Baby able to Room-in as requested
50	Baby/mom utilized Eat-Sleep-Console
50	Moms on MAT at time of Delivery

100% of infants discharged home with parents to continue treatment with SAFER FCP

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Early Relationships Are Important!



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Many Thanks For Lighting the Way!