



DMHAS PROUD INITIATIVE

Parents Recovering from Opioid Use Disorders



OVERVIEW

- DMHAS awarded a 3 year SAMHSA Grant (\$2.7 Million total)
- Grant implementation will be overseen by DMHAS Women's Services
- Furthers CT's work on the existing 5 year strategic plan to address infants born substance exposed
- Targets 2 geographic areas (Hartford/East Hartford and New Britain/Bristol) where data reveals disproportionate racial, social and economic disparities compared to other areas of CT.
- Goal is to engage 480 pregnant and postpartum women with SUD/OD, and their family members



PROUD SITE TEAMS

- Wheeler Clinic (New Britain/Bristol) and InterCommunity, Inc (Hartford/East Hartford) are the PROUD site team contractors.
- Each site will have a multidisciplinary team of providers.
- Teams will be comprised of a combination of staff with expertise in clinical, medical, case management and peer recovery strategies and services.



PROUD SERVICE MODEL

- Each team will utilize EBPs, recovery coaching, prenatal health and parenting education, support and modeling, and additional social services as indicated.
- Services will be provided to women in their home, or by telehealth, whenever possible, or by client preference.
- Assessments and referrals will be provided to all participating women and their family members.
- Information on CAPTA and creation of Plans of Safe Care with participants by team members.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- A Public Health Media Campaign (The O'Donnell Group)
- Address Stigma through biannual learning forums for healthcare providers & targeted ongoing training for medical providers (CT Hospital Association)
- Ongoing work to support integrated reproductive healthcare education and implementation of "One Key Question" curriculum (CT Women's Consortium, March of Dimes & Planned Parenthood)
- Education to the area birthing hospitals on: CAPTA/POSC, post-childbirth discharge planning that includes referrals to SUD treatment, recovery and parenting support



SOME ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES FOR PARTICIPANTS...

- Decreased:
 - Substance Use
 - Barriers to accessing treatment and support
 - Criminal Justice Involvement
 - HIV risk behaviors
 - Overdose risk
 - CPS involvement
- Improved:
 - Birth Outcomes
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Family Functioning
 - Parenting Confidence
 - Harm reduction strategies
 - Positive social networks



THE PLANNED “GO LIVE” DATE FOR
REFERRALS AND SERVICES WILL BE IN
EARLY JANUARY 2021



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