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/OUD, 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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