

Pregnant and using?

Answering common questions...

I am taking medication that my doctor prescribed

- Inform your OBGYN of your prescribed medications
- Sign a release so your OBGYN and doctor can coordinate care
- Create a Plan of Safe Care to get connected to resources
- Bring prescriptions to the hospital at time of delivery
- After delivery, Children Services is notified to validate the prescription and Plan of Safe Care



I am taking illegal drugs

Taking illegal drugs while pregnant can have a disastrous impact on your health and your baby's health; it can cause miscarriages, low birth weight, premature labor, placental abruption, fetal death, and even maternal death.

- Talk with your OBGYN or primary care physician about your drug use
- Participate in treatment programs or support services
- Create a Plan of Safe Care listing all the support you have in place
- If you or your baby tests positive for substances at time of delivery, a report will be made to Children Services

Why is Children Services notified?

In Ohio, hospitals are required to report to Children Services if:

- mom or baby tests positive for substances,
- the baby has signs of withdrawal,
- there are indications of abuse,
- or mom has a history of substance abuse.

Before you leave the hospital, a social worker, Early Intervention specialist or Children Services staff will visit with you. If a Plan of Safe Care is not in place, your baby may not be able to go home with you.

Where can I find help?

In Allen County, call any of the agencies listed below to begin your journey of healing. They will help you get the Plan of Safe Care started, as well as connect you to treatment, service coordination, and other services.

- Embrace MOMS Program (Coleman Services):
- Early Intervention:
- Help Me Grow:
- Lima Memorial Health System:
- Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center:
- Health Partners of Northwest Ohio: