

Prenatal Substance Exposure Internet Resources

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Baby Steps: Caring for Babies with Prenatal Substance Exposure (December 2003)

Ministry of Children and Family Development, British Columbia

Information in this guide focuses on the daily care of babies aged birth to 6 months of age who have been exposed to substances in the womb. This caregiver guide is intended to be a hands-on resource for parents and caregivers of babies who have been prenatally exposed to alcohol and other drugs. Information for the handbook was gathered from various sources, including parents, caregivers, professionals and published books and articles.

<http://www.aidp.bc.ca/babysteps.pdf>

Caring for Drug Exposed Infants

Pediatric Interim Care Center, The Newborn Nursery

This web site has been designed to help caregivers in identifying the signs and symptoms of a drug exposed infant and to provide effective comforting and assisting techniques. These techniques have been developed by Barbara Drennen from the Pediatric Interim Care Center.

<http://www.drugexposedinfants.com>

Director's Report to the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse (September 2006)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

This issue of the NIDA director's report highlights research findings related to behavioral and brain development research pertaining to prenatal substance exposure.

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/DirReports/DirRep906/DirectorReport3.html>

Effects of Substance Abuse on the Development of Children: Educational Implications (2006)

Colleen Meade, TeAch-nology.com

This resource seeks to describe the possible effects of substance abuse in gestation, the environmental effects from typical substance-abusive households, and the implications in the field of education. It also seeks to outline curricular adaptations, which can be made to appropriately educate children affected by these issues.

<http://www.teach-nology.com/tutorials/teaching/abuse/print.htm>

From Stigma to Support: Pregnant Women and Alcohol (Spring 2007)

N. Poole & C. Urquhart, BC Partners for Mental Health and Addictions Information

This article, published in *Visions*, a British Columbia mental health and addictions journal, proposes a 3-level prevention strategy for addressing alcohol use during pregnancy.

<http://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/publications/visions/9.pdf>

Maternal Substance Abuse and Child Development (April 2007)

Emory University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

The Maternal Substance Abuse and Child Development Study is under the direction of Claire D. Coles Ph.D., with the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, Emory University School of Medicine.

<http://www.psychiatry.emory.edu/PROGRAMS/GADrug/index.htm>

Parental Drug Use as Child Abuse (August 2006)

Child Welfare Information Gateway

This resource provides the latest information on state statutes for addressing abuse of drugs or alcohol by parents and other caretakers.

http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/drugexposed.cfm

Perinatal Drug Abuse and Neonatal Drug Withdrawal (June 2006)

Marvin Wang, M.D., eMedicine

Based on a medical perspective, this article provides an overview of substance abuse during pregnancy. The publication features clinical information, as well as treatment and follow-up information.

<http://www.emedicine.com/ped/topic2631.htm>

Pregnancy and Substance Abuse (February 2007)

Medline Plus

This resource features the latest news, information on specific conditions and related issues, as well as organizations and statistics that address pregnancy and substance abuse.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/pregnancyandsubstanceabuse.html>

Prenatal Drug Exposure (November 2005)

Merck Manuals Online Library

The Merck Manuals Online Medical Library is a resource for healthcare professionals covering a broad range of topics. The prenatal drug exposure section features information pertaining to alcohol, barbiturates, cocaine and opioids.

<http://www.merck.com/mmpe/sec19/ch274/ch274i.html>

Prenatal Effects (April 2005)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

This resource, available from NIDA, offers information on drugs that may have adverse prenatal effects and highlights selected research findings on the prenatal effects of drug abuse.

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/consequences/prenatal/>

Neonatal Substance Exposure/Substance Exposed Newborns (2006)

Arizona Supreme Court – Arizona CASA Training

Prepared by the Arizona CASA program, this resource is a component of an online training module that provides information about some of the effects of prenatal substance exposure as well as methods for working with children affected by substance abuse.

<http://www.supreme.state.az.us/casa/prepare/neonatal.pdf>

State Policies in Brief: Substance Abuse During Pregnancy (June 1, 2007)

Guttmacher Institute

This resource provides an overview of policies, by state, on substance abuse during pregnancy. Information is provided in a chart-format, delineating which states consider prenatal substance use as child abuse, states that require reporting or testing, as well as how states address drug treatment for pregnant women.

http://www.guttmacher.org/statecenter/spibs/spib_SADP.pdf

Substance Exposed Newborns and their Families (November 2006)

Robert E. Nickel, M. D.

This Power Point presentation, prepared by the Early Intervention Program at the Oregon Health Sciences University, includes an overview of substance exposed newborns, including information on meth, and also provides a description of Project FEAT (Family Early Advocacy and Treatment).

<http://eip.uoregon.edu/projects/feat/ppt/SubstanceExposedNewborns.ppt>

Substance Use Disorders and Pregnancy (March 2007)

Indiana Perinatal Network

This report highlights the incidence and significance of substance use during pregnancy and provides recommendations for interventions at the policy, provider and consumer levels.

[http://www.indianaperinatal.org/files/education/Substance Use Consensus Statment.pdf](http://www.indianaperinatal.org/files/education/Substance%20Use%20Consensus%20Statement.pdf)

Substance Use During Pregnancy (September 2006)

University of California, San Francisco

This educational resource provides a briefing on the use of marijuana, alcohol, tobacco, prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and caffeine during pregnancy.

http://www.ucsfhealth.org/childrens/medical_services/preg/care/pregSubstance.html

Using Illegal Street Drugs During Pregnancy (August 2006)

American Pregnancy Association

This resource is prepared by the American Pregnancy Association, a national health organization committed to promoting reproductive and pregnancy wellness through education, research, advocacy and community awareness. This article gives a general overview of the use of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, PCP & LSD, and methamphetamines, in addition to basic information about state laws and prenatal substance abuse.

<http://www.americanpregnancy.org/pregnancyhealth/illegaldrugs.html>

Women and Substance Use (April 2007)

Office of Applied Studies, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

The Office of Applied Studies, a division within SAMHSA, provides national data on the prevalence, treatment, and consequences of substance abuse in the U.S. This website features national statistics pertaining to substance abuse and women, including information on substance use during pregnancy.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/women.htm>

Women and Substance Use Information Series (May 2007)

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

This series of fact sheets provides information directed to women about specific issues related to their substance abuse, as well as how alcohol and drugs affect the fetus during pregnancy.

http://www.aadac.com/547_1430.asp