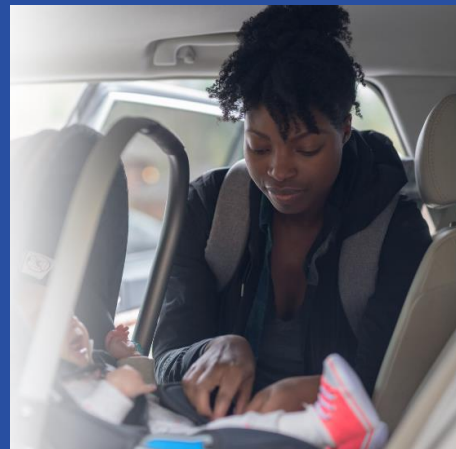


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Join OPQC Learning Community on Compassionate, Respectful and Equitable Care

OPQC, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Hospital Association, will launch a Learning Community in fall 2023. The focus will be on building infrastructure for compassionate, respectful and equitable care, in alignment with the new Joint Commission health equity safety standards. We invite you to join us in this Learning Community to learn and work together to improve equitable care for maternity, delivery and postpartum patients. You can register [here](#) to attend one of the informational calls that OPQC will be hosting about the Learning Community.





Caring for Infants Who are Substance Exposed:

OPQC worked with neonatal units across the state in 2014-2018 to support the care of infants born substance exposed. We are interested to learn what practices Ohio maternity and neonatal units are currently following to care for and treat these infants. If you

work in a maternity or neonatal unit, please take this short survey [here](#). Copies of the revised Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome Guide are available [here](#) for download. The survey includes a link for those who would like to receive print copies of the guide.

OPQC participates in SAMSHA Roundtable on Addressing the Needs of Pregnant and Parenting People with Substance Use



The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) hosted a roundtable discussion July 10 and 11 in Kansas City, Kansas, for representatives from several Midwestern states to identify challenges and opportunities to improve outcomes for pregnant and parenting people with substance use and behavioral health challenges. The meeting included community health workers, doulas, and peer supporters as well as representatives from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the federal Health Resources and Services Administration and SAMSHA.

OPQC faculty Dr. Nichole Nidey attended, along with three stakeholders from the EMPOWER Project: Michelle Gabbard, a Certified Peer Support Specialist from Ohio, and Michelle Kavouras and Melinda McMichael, peer doulas from Illinois. The EMPOWER project, led by Dr. Nidey, is a

patient-centered multistate collaborative that aims to meaningfully improve outcomes and options for pregnant and postpartum persons with substance use through patient-centered, co-led and co-designed research.

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