**Tell someone about the *Plan of Safe Care* in under a minute…..**

Federal Legislation in 2016 requires a *Plan of Safe Care* for infants exposed to substance use disorder. This specifically includes abuse of prescription medications and alcohol exposure. The plan of safe care is a community approach to the protection of mothers and substance exposed infants. Any provider can assist the mother in completing a plan of safe care to ensure babies have the healthiest start possible. Our goal is to work with families on a plan before the baby is born.

*A Plan of Safe* Care is required by Federal Law and is to be completed by any provider working with a mother or pregnant woman diagnosed with substance use disorder. The Plan of Safe Care determines the best way to assist the mother and baby’s ongoing health, development and well-being. This early identification and intervention can assist child welfare and treatment systems in conducting a thorough assessment which will ensure access to the range of services needed by families.