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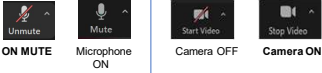
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
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


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


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Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who have contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land for more generations than can be counted. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference.

We begin this effort to acknowledge what is buried by honoring the truth. **We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota people. We want to acknowledge the Dakota, the Ojibwe (pronounced ow-jeeb-way), the Ho Chunk, and the other nations of people who also call this place home.** We pay respects to their elders past and present.


Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the Tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. Please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events.\*

*\*This is the acknowledgment given in the USDAC Honor Native Land Guide – edited to reflect this space by Shannon Geshick, MTAG, Executive Director Minnesota Indian Affairs Council*

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Session	Topics
<b>#1</b> WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Screening, and Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding HIV <input type="checkbox"/> HIV Testing, Treatment and Prevention <input type="checkbox"/> The Science of Addiction
<b>#2</b> WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethical and Legal Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Funding and Policy Considerations <input type="checkbox"/> HIV Risk Reduction <input type="checkbox"/> SUD Harm Reduction <input type="checkbox"/> HIV and Stigma <input type="checkbox"/> Motivational Interviewing
<b>#3</b> WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Working with Justice Involved Persons <input type="checkbox"/> Chem Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Use Disorder Treatment with Medications <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Treatment and Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Stimulant Use
<b>#4</b> WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural, Racial and Sexual Identities <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy and HIV, SUD/ODU <input type="checkbox"/> Accessing, Obtaining, and Integrating Services for Individuals with HIV and SUD in Minnesota



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***Please share a curiosity you bring with you today regarding the topics we are covering***

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### GLOSSARY OF TERMS (REVISITED)

- » Sexual orientation – a person’s identity in relation to the gender or genders to which they are sexually attracted (straight, gay, lesbian, asexual, bisexual, pansexual)
- » Gender identity and/or expression - internal perception of one’s gender; how one identifies or expresses oneself.
  - » Cisgender – a term used to describe a person whose gender identity aligns with those typically associated with the sex assigned to them at birth
  - » Transgender – refers to an individual whose current gender identity and/or expression differs from the sex they were assigned at birth (may have transitioned or be transitioning in how they are living)
  - » Gender Expansive - refers to an individual who expresses identity along the gender spectrum (genderqueer, gender nonconforming, nonbinary, agender, two spirit)
- » Sexual Minority – refers to a group whose sexual identity orientation or practices differ from the majority of and are marginalized by the surrounding society.

SOURCE: Centers for Educational Justice and Community Engagement, UC Berkeley

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS (REVISITED)**

- » Race - is usually associated with inherited physical, social and biological characteristics. In this context that means race is associated with biology. Institutionalized in a way that has profound consequences (White, African American, American Indian Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander)”
- » Ethnicity - a term used to categorize a group of people with whom you share learned characteristics and identify according to common racial, national tribal, religious, linguistic, or cultural origin or background. (Hispanic, Non-Hispanic Black, Non-Hispanic Black, etc.)

SOURCE: US Office of Management and Budget: Federal Register Vol. 62(210): 58782

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS (REVISITED)**

- » Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) - required the creation of national standards to protect sensitive patient health information (PHI) from being disclosed without the patient's consent and includes a Privacy Rule addressing disclosure of and access to PHI; the Security Rule protects disclosure of and access to electronic PHI (e-PHI) a subset of information covered by the Privacy Rule
- » Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Part 2 (42 CFR Part 2) – a complicated set of regulations that strengthen the privacy protections afforded to persons receiving alcohol and substance use treatment (in addition to the more general privacy protections afforded in HIPAA). The regulations restrict the disclosure and use of alcohol and drug patient records which are maintained in connection with any individual or entity that is federally assisted and holds itself out as providing, and provides, alcohol or drug abuse diagnosis, treatment or referral for treatment (42 CFR § 2.11)
- » Family Education Rights Protection Act (FERPA) - protects the privacy of student education records in public or private elementary, secondary, or post-secondary school and any state or local education agency that receives funds under an applicable program of the US Department of Education.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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**COMMON ACRONYMS (REVISITED)**

ART – Antiretroviral therapy	PEP – Post-exposure prophylaxis
AUD – Alcohol use disorder	PrEP – Pre-exposure prophylaxis
IDU – Injection or intravenous drug use	PLWH – Person(s) living with HIV
MSM – Men who have sex with men	PWID – Person(s) who injects drugs
OUD – Opioid use disorder	SUD – Substance use disorder
PEH – Person(s) experiencing homelessness	

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**CULTURAL, RACIAL AND SEXUAL AND GENDER IDENTITIES, HIV POSITIVITY, PREGNANCY, AND SUD, ACCESSING, OBTAINING, AND INTEGRATING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HIV AND SUD IN MINNESOTA**

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**CONTEXT FOR TODAY**

**Previous Sessions**

- » HIV – Transmission, Testing, Treatment, Harm Reduction & Prevention
  - » Key to ending HIV is to diagnosis, treat, prevent, respond
- » Ethical and Legal Issues surrounding HIV and SUD
- » Stigma Abatement and Motivational Interviewing
- » SUD/ODD – Neuroscience, Substance Use Disorder Treatment with Medications, Stimulant Use, Chem Sex, Risk Reduction

**Today**

- » Populations most impacted and resources for you

DISPARITIES EXIST AMONG INDIVIDUALS AT RISK OF AND LIVING WITH HIV AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

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**CULTURAL, RACIAL, AND SEXUAL IDENTITIES**

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**LEARNING OBJECTIVES: CULTURAL, RACIAL, AND SEXUAL IDENTITIES**

<p><b>I</b></p> <p>Summarize HIV &amp; SUD prevalence among people of color and transgender individuals compared to other populations</p>	<p><b>II</b></p> <p>Describe the connections between structural inequities and disparities in HIV</p>	<p><b>III</b></p> <p>Explain how cultural considerations can influence treatment engagement</p>	<p><b>IV</b></p> <p>Identify at least three major health care challenges for this population</p>
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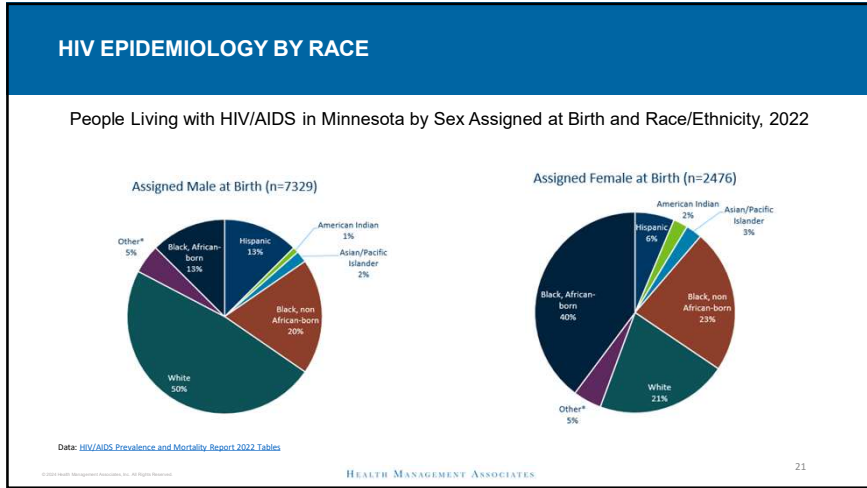
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**HEALTH DISPARITIES IN HIV**

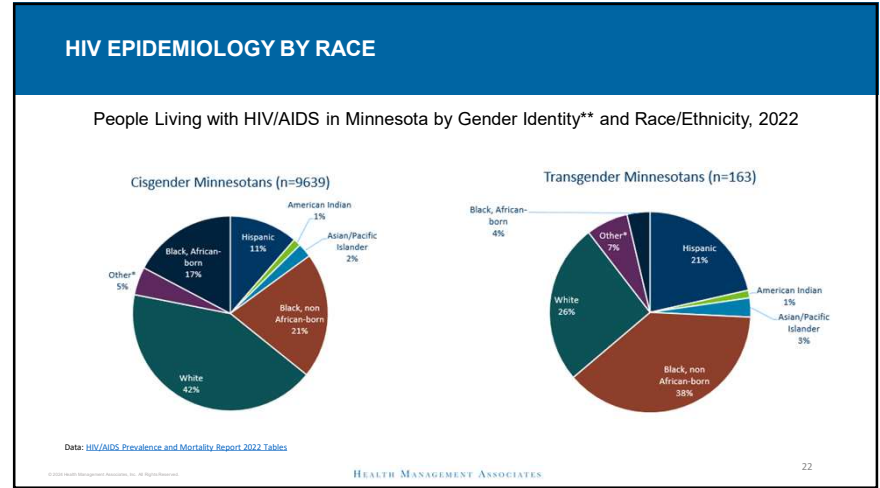
- » Despite prevention efforts, some groups of people are affected by HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs, and TB more than other groups of people
- » Social determinants of health like poverty, unequal access to health care, lack of education, stigma, and racism are linked to health disparities
- » The occurrence of these diseases at greater levels among certain population groups more than among others is often referred to as a **health disparity**
- » Differences may occur by:
  - » gender
  - » race or ethnicity
  - » education
  - » income
  - » disability
  - » geographic location
  - » sexual orientation

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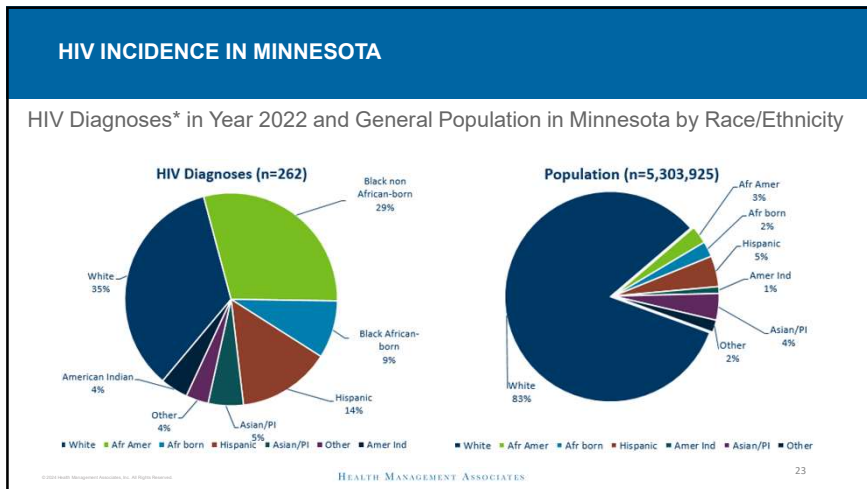
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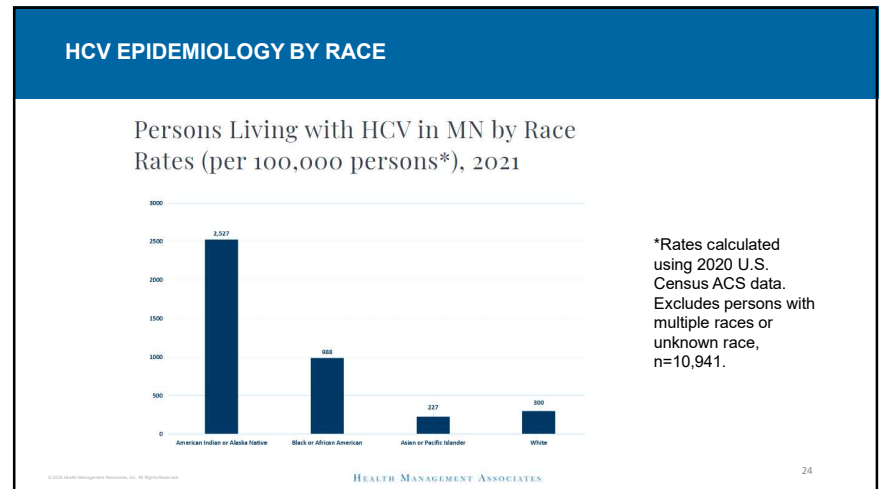
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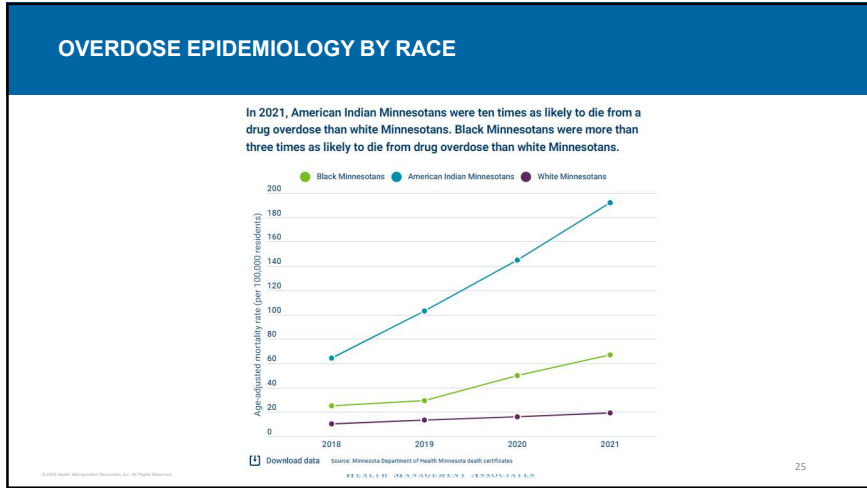
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### SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES

Sexual and gender minority (SGM) populations include, but are not limited to, individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, transgender, Two-Spirit, queer, and/or intersex. Individuals with same-sex or -gender attractions or behaviors and those with a difference in sex development are also included.

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### INTERSECTIONALITY

- » Compounded inequities experienced by individuals and populations who belong to two or more marginalized identities
- » Impacted by systemic inequities in multiple dimensions
- » Example: Black transgender women are impacted by racism, transphobia, and sexism.

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### SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES AND SUD

- » Most recent data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH, 2015) indicates sexual minorities use substances at the following rates (compared to the overall US population)

SUBSTANCE	USE RATES (sexual minority vs. general population)
Alcohol	12.4% vs 10.1%
Marijuana	37.6% vs 16.2%
Past year opioid use (includes misuse of prescription opioids as well as heroin use)	9% vs 3.8%
Misuse of Prescription opioids (>26 yo)	9% vs 6.4%


- » Compared to a heterosexual population, sexual and gender minorities:
  - » Enter treatment with more severe SUD (i.e., persistent)
  - » Have higher rates of co-occurring mental health disorders including mood disorders, self-harm behaviors (e.g., cutting), suicidality
  - » Have a greater risk of HIV infection (men, women and nonbinary)
  - » There are far more intervention programs designed and evaluated specifically for White Gay men than there are for other sexual or gender minorities

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## HIV EPIDEMIOLOGY BY RACE AND GENDER IDENTITY

### HIV Prevalence Among Transgender Women in 7 US Cities, 2019-2020

Racial and ethnic disparities exist among transgender women with HIV.



Among transgender women interviewed, 42% had HIV.

- 62% of Black/African American transgender women had HIV
- 35% of Hispanic/Latina transgender women had HIV
- 17% of White transgender women had HIV

Source: CDC. HIV infection, risk, prevention, and testing behaviors among transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance—7 U.S. Cities, 2019-2020. HIV Surveillance Special Report 2021.

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## HIV EPIDEMIOLOGY BY RACE AND GENDER IDENTITY

### In 2021, 36,136 people received an HIV diagnosis in the US and dependent areas.\*

\* Among people aged 13 and older.

New HIV Diagnoses in the US and Dependent Areas by Race and Ethnicity, 2021\*

Racism, HIV stigma, discrimination, homophobia, poverty, and other barriers to health care continue to drive disparities in HIV diagnoses.



Race and Ethnicity	Percentage	Number of Diagnoses
Black/African American	40%	14,528
Hispanic/Latino	29%	10,467
White	25%	9,063
Multi-racial	3%	1,041
Asian	2%	738
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1%	223
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	1%	76

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## SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES AND SUD

### TRANSGENDER PERSONS AND SUBSTANCE USE

- » Trans persons are at elevated risk for developing problems with substance use
  - » Up to 72% develop problems with alcohol use
  - » Up to 34% develop problems with marijuana use
  - » Up to 26% develop problems with prescription drug use
- » Both trans Women and people who engage in anal sex are at increased risk for HIV
  - » Risky sexual behaviors and prevalence of IV drug use are often a consequence of risk and behavior stressors (violence victimization, transphobia, exchange sex, stigmatization, and stressful life events )
  - » Remember that SUD treatment is associated with managing drug use and facilitating safer sex practices!

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## SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES AND SUD

### TRANSGENDER PERSONS AND SUBSTANCE USE: Theoretical Models

- » The **Minority Stress Model** (Hendricks and Testa, 2012) – poses that prolonged exposure to prejudice and discrimination → adverse mental health outcomes and risk behaviors
- » The **Syndemic or Multiplicative Model** – risk for a significant adverse outcome (e.g., HIV infection) is a function of multiple, co-occurring problems that multiply to increase the risk
  - » We know that risky sexual behaviors can be exacerbated by substance use
  - » This multiplier effect argues for a focus on the most effective ways of intervening in SUD as a vehicle for reducing HIV incidence

“Perhaps the most important conclusion of this review is that well-designed, theoretically informed culturally sensitive research focused on developing and rigorously testing interventions for substance use among transgender individuals is alarmingly scarce.” – T.R Glynn, 2017

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**SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES AND SUD**

**BARRIERS TO SUD TREATMENT FOR TRANSGENDER PERSONS**

- » Lack of knowledge among personnel in SUD treatment about Trans-specific realities and experiences
- » SUD treatment providers who stigmatize or have negative attitudes toward Trans persons
- » Victimization of Trans individuals (e.g., verbal, physical, and sexual abuse by other clients and staff),
- » Discrimination (e.g., room & board, bathroom rules, being required to wear clothes judged as appropriate for their sex assigned at birth)
- » Little formal/organized education for staff about the needs of Trans persons
- » **False reporting of specialized treatment services for Trans population**
  - » Most programs fail to even collect information on gender identity

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**CHATTER FALL**

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*What strategies do you have in place or are you considering to meet the SUD treatment needs of Trans women?*

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**SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES AND SUD**

**ADDRESSING THE TREATMENT NEEDS OF TRANSGENDER PERSONS WITH SUD**

*"Trans individuals (especially women) who feel they are in Trans-friendly programs are more likely to stay in treatment" – Lyons, et al, 2017*

- » Provide education and training programs for staff on the Trans-specific realities, experience and sensitivity (including health-related issues such as street hormones and needle use)
- » Prevent discrimination and stigmatizing behaviors by healthcare providers
- » Develop policies that address discrimination, bathrooms, sleeping arrangements, conduct in treatment and other group settings, collection of gender-identity data, name and pronouns – many of these should be posted
- » For programs that are not trans-specialized, work to develop and model a culture that is affirming, inclusive, psychologically safe
- » Hiring diverse staff representative of the population
- » Allow continued use of hormones and encourage medical care for those using street hormones
- » Be transparent about the degree of your programs' services for Trans persons

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**CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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## HEALTH AND STRUCTURAL INEQUITIES

### Health inequities

systematic differences in the health status of different population groups

### Structural inequities

personal, interpersonal, institutional, and systemic drivers—such as, racism, sexism, classism, able-ism, xenophobia, and homophobia

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## THE CONNECTION

- » The impact of structural inequities follows individuals “from womb to tomb.”
  - » Socioeconomic factors that contribute to poor health
  - » Social stigma
  - » Mistrust of the healthcare institution
- » HIV has had a disproportionate impact on minority communities, and studies have documented a pattern of disparities in care for minorities
- » This makes the issue of treatment of minorities with HIV a particularly timely and pressing one

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## CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

### How do cultural considerations influence treatment engagement?

“An approach to care that uses a cultural competence framework enhances communication between minority patients and their providers, endeavors to use a more diverse array of staff members, proactively enhances the likelihood of receipt of ART, and uses an evidence-based approach to thinking about adherence will improve the likelihood that minority patients will engage in care, be satisfied with care, and have positive HIV-related outcomes”.

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## CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS: PROVIDE CULTURALLY HUMBLE HIV CARE

- » Clinicians must be aware of the particular health-related cultural beliefs and practices of the minority groups within his or her HIV/AIDS practice
- » Adopt a culturally humble framework
  - » Identify the patient's core cultural issues
  - » Explore the meaning of the illness to the patient – question what they think has caused the problem and how it affects their lives
  - » Explore the patient's social context
  - » Negotiate across the patient-physician culture to develop a treatment plan that is agreeable to both sides (ensure the key issues of the patient are heard and valued)

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### CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS: ENHANCING COMMUNICATION IN CLINICAL CARE

- » Research shows that minority patients are less satisfied with their HIV/AIDS care than are other patients
- » Although many issues may contribute to this lower satisfaction, one issue that comes up repeatedly is **patient-provider communication**
- » Minority patients report that they needed more time to make HIV treatment decisions and more information about HIV treatment options
- » Providers should endeavor to spend more time with our minority patients with HIV, and should spend more of that time listening to the patient

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### CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS: DIVERSIFY THE CLINICAL STAFF



- » Important to diversify HIV clinical staff
- » Very few HIV physicians are racial/ethnic minorities
- » No matter how welcoming an HIV care site is, minority patients will feel even more comfortable if at least a few clinical or peer support staff members are of their own racial/ethnic background

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### CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS: OPTIMIZING THE RECEIPT OF CARE AND ART

- » Minority patients have reported more problems getting the HIV care they needed and have been less likely to receive medications to treat HIV
- » Disparities in receiving ART have persisted
- » Medical providers should be aware of the data regarding disparities in the receipt of ART
- » Should use strategies in the clinical setting to optimize the likelihood that minority patients will be **offered, prescribed, and actually take** antiretroviral medications.

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### CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS: ENHANCE ADHERENCE TO TREATMENT



- » Stereotypes among HIV care providers that minority patients were less likely to be adherent to ART than were other patients
- » Because of this, ART was, at times, withheld from minority patients because of these preconceptions regarding their ability to adhere to it
- » Need to eliminate bias (these biases and stereotypes affect providers' treatment decisions and result in failure to treat some minority patients)

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**CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS: MINORITY PATIENTS WITH HIV AND CLINICAL TRIALS**

- » Minority patients have historically been underrepresented in HIV-related clinical trials, despite their overrepresentation among those living with HIV infection
- » Legacy of abuses in past research studies, distrust of the health care system broadly, and beliefs regarding conspiracies continue to fuel the HIV epidemic in minority communities
- » There is no easy answer to engaging minorities in clinical trials
- » Providers can make efforts to proactively approach all patients about participation in clinical trials and answer their questions/ address any concerns they may have

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**TIME FOR A POLL**

**Which cultural consideration will you commit to implementing in your practice and work to influence treatment engagement?**

- A. Provide culturally humble HIV care
- B. Enhancing communication in clinical care
- C. Diversify the clinical staff
- D. Optimizing the receipt of care and ART
- E. Enhance adherence to treatment
- F. Engage Minority patients with HIV in clinical trials

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**TRAUMA INFORMED CARE**

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**TRAUMA INFORMED CONSIDERATIONS TO ENHANCE CARE AND SUPPORT**

**Trauma-Informed Care Concepts**

1. A basic understanding of trauma
2. Emotional and environmental safety
3. A strengths-based approach to services

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### THINGS TO REMEMBER

Underlying Question	Symptoms	Healing Happens
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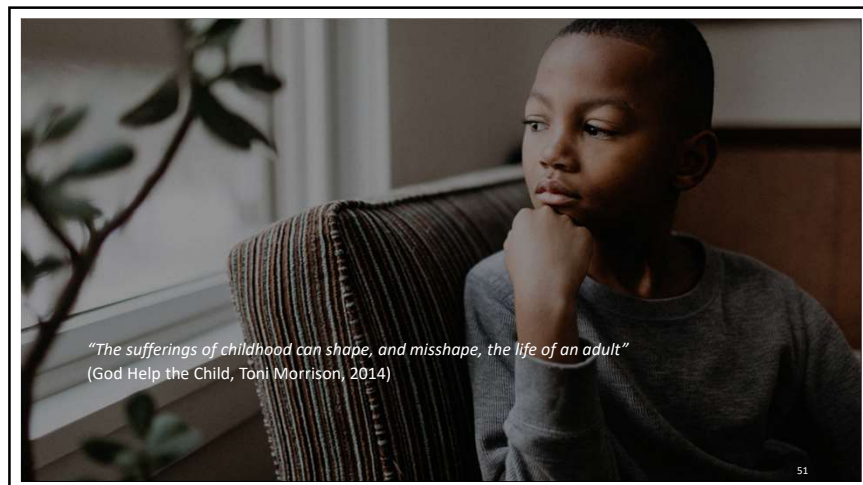
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### EMPATHY



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### WHAT IS TRAUMA?

*"Individual trauma results from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being."*

<https://www.integration.samhsa.gov/clinical-practice>

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### STATED IN ANOTHER WAY (SIMPLE VERSION)

"Trauma is anything that overwhelms a person's ability to cope"

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### TRAUMA INFORMED CONSIDERATIONS TO ENHANCE CARE AND SUPPORT

**PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA ARE:**

Behavior	Risk Multiplier
ALCOHOLISM	4 Times More Likely To Become An Alcoholic
DEVELOP STD	4 Times More Likely To Develop A Sexually Transmitted Disease
INJECT DRUGS	4 Times More Likely To Inject Drugs
USE ANTIDEPRESSANT	3 Times More Likely To Use Antidepressant Medication
MISSING WORK	3 Times More Likely To Be Absent From Work
SMOKING	2.5 Times More Likely To Smoke Tobacco
JOB PROBLEMS	3 Times More Likely To Have Serious Job Problems
DEPRESSION	3 Times More Likely To Experience Depression
<b>COMMIT SUICIDE</b>	<b>15 Times More Likely To Commit Suicide</b>

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### SPECTRUM OF TRAUMA – CONTEXT

Historical Trauma	Insidious Trauma	Compassion Fatigue	Vicarious Trauma
Secondary Trauma	Toxic Stress	Complex Trauma	Chronic Trauma
	Acute Trauma	ACEs	

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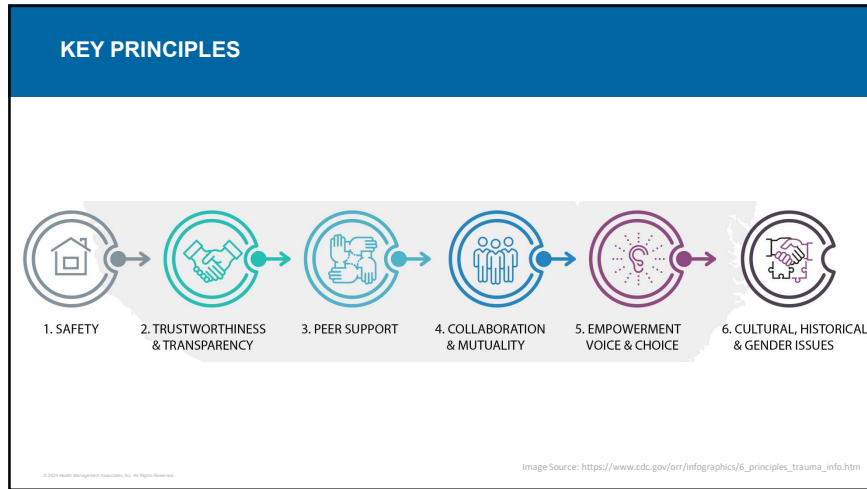
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### CHALLENGES OF WORKING WITH PEOPLE WITH TRAUMA EXPERIENCES

- Stigma and implicit bias
- Prevention vs complex care
- Lack of Staff and Provider of training
- Chronicity
- Presence of mental health issues
- Co-morbid health conditions
- High need populations-takes time and people

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### KEY PRINCIPLES

## 1) Safety

1. SAFETY

- Staff and the people they serve, whether children or adults, feel physically and psychologically safe
- The physical setting is safe and the interpersonal interactions promote a sense of safety.
- Understanding safety as *defined by those served* is a high priority.

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### KEY PRINCIPLES

## 2) Trustworthiness and Transparency

2. TRUSTWORTHINESS & TRANSPARENCY

- Organizational operations and decisions are conducted with transparency with the goal of maintaining trust with clients and family members, among staff, and others involved in the organization.

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### KEY PRINCIPLES


## 3) Peer Support

3. PEER SUPPORT

- Trauma survivors or family of a child trauma survivor.
- Peer support and mutual self-help are key vehicles for establishing safety and hope, building trust, enhancing collaboration
- Utilize their stories and lived experience to promote recovery and healing

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**KEY PRINCIPLES**



**4) Collaboration and Mutuality**


Importance placed on:

- Partnering
- Leveling of power differences
  - Staff and clients
  - Organizational staff and clerical/housekeeping
  - Professional staff to administrators
- Recognize that everyone has a role to play in TIC
- One does not need to be a therapist to be therapeutic

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**KEY PRINCIPLES**




**5) Empowerment, Voice, and Choice**

- Strengths/Experience recognized and built upon
- Organization fosters a belief in:
  - The primacy of people served
  - Resilience
  - The ability of individuals, orgs, and communities to heal and promote recovery from trauma
- Shared decision-making, choice, and goal-setting
- Cultivate self-advocacy
- Staff feel as safe as those receiving services

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**KEY PRINCIPLES**



**6) Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues**

- Moves past stereotypes and biases (race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, religion, gender identity, geography, etc.)
- Offers access to gender-responsive services
- Leverages the healing value of traditions cultural connections
- Incorporates policies, protocols, and processes that are responsive to the needs of individuals served
  - Racial
  - Ethnic
  - Cultural
  - Disability
- Recognizes and addresses historical trauma

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**TRAUMA-INFORMED SKILLS FOR RESPONSE**



**Safety Skills**      **Emotional Management Skills**      **Grieving and Imagination**

**Leadership Skills**      **Communication Skills**      **Cognitive Skills**      **Judgment Skills**

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## RESILIENCY

Resiliency is how well we cope with adversity and stress. We can build or lose resiliency throughout our lives.


### PATHWAYS TO RESILIENCE

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from setbacks in our lives. It is the way we can prevent stress from causing serious physical, mental and emotional issues. Practicing positive and often simple activities can actually retrain our brain to be more resilient!

FOR CHILDREN	FOR EVERYONE	FOR ADULTS
Positive Role Models	Supportive Relationships	Walk in the Woods
Supportive Adults	Healthy Food	Gratitude
Parental Involvement	Exercise	Positive Thoughts
Caring Community	Smile	Laugh
Increased Parent-Infant Contact	Talk About Feelings	Hope
Increased Knowledge of Child Development	Music	Volunteer
	Art	Create Safe and Stable Nurturing Relationships
		Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment
		Identify Emotional Triggers
		Seek Support
		Acknowledge Trauma

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## BREAKOUT ACTIVITY

"GET TO KNOW YOUR COLLEAGUES"


*Now that you have a better understanding of cultural and trauma informed considerations, what can we do as service providers to enhance care for racial and sexual minorities?*

Use the "raise your hand" feature in Zoom or simply come off mute.

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## 5-MINUTE STRETCH BREAK!



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## HIV, PREGNANCY AND SUD/OD

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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES: HIV, PREGNANCY AND SUD/OD

I	II	III
Summarize at least 3 major considerations (important headlines) for HIV+ pregnant persons with SUD	List 3 approaches to reduce the risk of HIV transmission from a birthing person to an infant during pregnancy, breastfeeding	Compare the effectiveness of and considerations for using substance use disorder treatment with medications and other treatments for SUD in pregnant and parenting persons

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### CHATTER FALL

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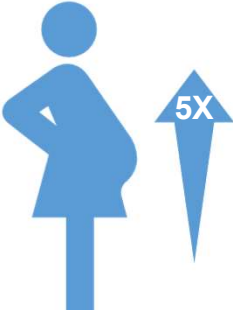
*What information do you need to better prepare you to care for pregnant/parenting persons with OUD, SUD, HIV and their affected children?*

**When instructed, please click enter.**

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### EPIDEMIOLOGY OF SUD DURING PREGNANCY



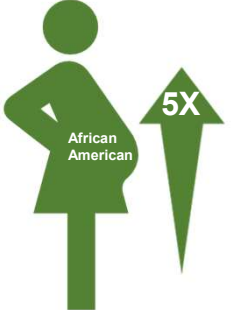
- » SAMHSA data: > 400,000 infants are exposed to alcohol and other potential substance of abuse during pregnancy
- » Number of pregnant women with OUD increased from 1.5/1000 → 8.2/1000 live births (1999-2017)
- » Twenty-seven (27%) percent reported they wanted to cut down or stop using but didn't know how
- » In MN the prevalence of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) was 10.3/1000 live births (7.3/1000 in US)
- » Eight percent (8%) of women with OUD/SUD receive needed treatment (most are never screened)

Sources: SAMHSA and National Survey on Drug use and Health, 2022

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### EPIDEMIOLOGY OF HIV DURING PREGNANCY IN THE UNITED STATES



- » Approximately 8,000 HIV+ women give birth in the US every year and fewer than 50 infants are born with HIV
- » Transmission of HIV can occur throughout pregnancy, during childbirth and with breastfeeding (Perinatal Transmission)
- » While the US and Europe have experienced steep declines in perinatal HIV transmission (to <1%), African American infants have 5X the incidence of perinatal HIV transmission versus white infants
- » In MN the incidence of HIV infected neonates has been ZERO since 2018
- » Considerations about approaches to Perinatal Maternal to Child Transmission (PMTCT) prevention vs. treatment approaches

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# POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF PERINATAL HIV AND SUD ON THE BIRTHING PERSON AND BABY



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## CASE: KAYLA

Kayla is 23-year-old HIV+ woman with a positive pregnancy test during a primary care visit for persistent nausea. Upon examination, Kayla is found to be 11 weeks pregnant. She states the pregnancy was not expected but she wants to keep the child. **In response to questions from an evidence-based verbal screening tool**, she indicated that she takes both oxycodone and hydrocodone for persistent back pain that resulted from a car accident when she was 19. She is still complaining of back pain and is worried that as the pregnancy goes on, her back pain will worsen. Kayla is **mostly compliant with her ART**, but occasionally skips her specialty follow-up visits. She acknowledges that she takes more than the prescribed amounts of opioids. Although concerned her pain may exacerbate during pregnancy, **she would like assistance with her opioid misuse and is concerned about the risk of HIV transmission to her infant.**




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## HIV POSITIVE PREGNANCIES: WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

- » By 1987 the approval for AZT (zidovudine) enabled the treatment and prophylaxis of pregnant women with HIV in the US and globally\*
- » By the 1990s, short course ART or single dose AZT was available across the globe
- » We watched Perinatal Maternal to Child Transmission (PMTCT) rate decrease from 25% to less than one percent (<1%) in the US and other high-income countries



SOURCE: free.unaids.org

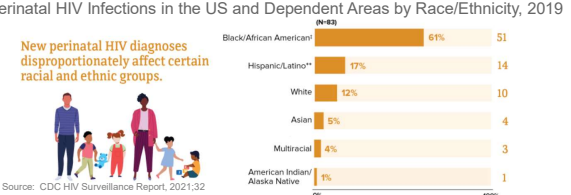
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## WHERE HAVE WE FAILED IN ADDRESSING PERINATAL HIV/AIDS?

Perinatal HIV Infections in the US and Dependent Areas by Race/Ethnicity, 2019

New perinatal HIV diagnoses disproportionately affect certain racial and ethnic groups.



Race/Ethnicity	Percentage	Number of Cases
Black/African American	61%	51
Hispanic/Latino**	17%	14
White	12%	10
Asian	5%	4
Multiracial	4%	3
American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	1

Source: CDC HIV Surveillance Report, 2021:32

- » Overall, the number of infants and young children infected from perinatal transmission continues to decline: from 141 cases in 2014 to 51 cases in 2019 (and has been ZERO in MN for the past few years)
- » In the United States, the overwhelming majority of new cases of HIV in children occurs among Black/African American Children
  - » The racial/ethnic disparity of HIV diagnosed children under 13 years is greater than for adults (60% of children are Black/African American vs 57% of adults)

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### WHERE HAVE WE FAILED IN ADDRESSING PERINATAL HIV/AIDS ACROSS THE GLOBE?

New HIV Infections among Children and ART coverage among Pregnant women, Global with 2020 target.

- » The World Health Organization (WHO) and other Global HIV/AIDS guidelines have focused for decades on the prevention of PMTCT – some would say to the exclusion of treatment
- » The PMTCT cascade of tests and treatment are managed in the US and high and middle-income countries, but the necessary systems are immature to non-existent in low to middle-income countries
- » Integrating PMTCT and Maternal-Neonatal-Child Health programs and simplification for WHO guidelines has improved timely initiation of ART, but post-partum engagement of HIV infected/exposed mothers and infants is still problematic

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### IMPORTANT FACTS TO KNOW ABOUT HIV POSITIVITY DURING PREGNANCY AND PERINATAL TRANSMISSION

HIV infection can be:

- » Passed vertically from mom to fetus during pregnancy
- » Spread through contact with blood and bodily fluids during childbirth
- » Passed through breastmilk
- » Routine HIV screening of all sexually active persons with childbearing potential as early as possible during pregnancy (opt-out)
- » Because of disparities in access to screening, prevention and treatment, we should ensure that individuals from other countries receive information during pre-conception counseling and offered screening and treatment

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### CONSIDERATIONS WHEN PREGNANCY, HIV, AND SUD COEXIST

- » Some substances are more detrimental to those at risk for or who have HIV than others
  - » Stimulants have been associated not only with increased risky behavior, but with accelerated HIV disease progression, poor ART adherence and lack of viral suppression
  - » Alcohol, benzodiazepine and opioid use all increase risky behaviors associated with HIV; cannabis does not appear to have the same significant effect
- » Screening for SUD should be part of routine clinical care of persons with HIV

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### CONSIDERATIONS WHEN PREGNANCY, HIV AND SUD COEXIST (CONT.)

#### Recommendations for the Use of Antiretroviral Drugs in Pregnant Women with HIV Infection and Interventions to Reduce Perinatal HIV Transmission in the United States

- » Individuals on substance use disorder treatment with medications are more likely to initiate and maintain ART regimens
- » Ongoing SUD is NOT a contraindication to prescribing/using ART
  - » Use of low risk, easy ART regimens are preferred
- » ART agents that inhibit or induce the CYP system (liver enzymes) may interact with methadone and buprenorphine (no such interaction with naltrexone)
- » PrEP should always be used for high-risk encounters including during pregnancy and breastfeeding for HIV negative persons

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# PERINATAL SUD

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## CHATTER FALL

Please take a minute to type your response in the Zoom Group Chat, but don't click enter.

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) generally should..

- A. Be increased during pregnancy
- B. Be decreased during pregnancy
- C. Not be used during pregnancy

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### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT WITH MEDICATIONS: EVIDENCE-BASE AND IMPACT

Treatment	Overdose Deaths	Retention in Treatment	Pregnancy Outcomes	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
Detoxification/Withdrawal	Red	Red	Red	Green
Methadone	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
Buprenorphine (Mono)	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
Buprenorphine/Naloxone	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow
Naltrexone	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green

*Substance Use Disorder Treatment with Medications is the standard of care for the treatment of pregnant women with OUD*


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Red: Research indicates use is contraindicated and/or that risks of poor outcome outweigh benefits of use  
 Green: Research is inconclusive or indicates that benefits outweigh risks that benefits exceed those of other medications  
 Yellow: Research indicates that benefits do outweigh risks or that benefits do exceed those of other medications

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### ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF OPIOID USE DURING PREGNANCY


- » Fetus exposed to unstable opioid levels
- » Mother less likely to get prenatal care
- » Fetus & mother more likely to be exposed to morbidity & mortality from IDU & risky behaviors
  - » HIV, HCV
  - » Endocarditis, cellulitis
  - » Trauma



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### BENEFITS OF MOUD USE DURING PREGNANCY


- » Reduced complication of IDU
- » Seventy-five percent (75%) less likely to die related to their addiction
- » Improves adherence to prenatal care & addiction
- » Safer and healthier communities
- » Reduced cravings
- » Reduced illicit opioid use
- » Reduced OD events
- » Reduced criminal behavior
- » Reduced risk of obstetric complications

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### CASE STUDY: KAYLA'S NEWBORN

- » Baby M was born in February 2019
- » Initially ambivalent, Kayla warmed to the idea of being a mom
- » Mom is HIV+ (adherent on ART) with undetectable viral load 1 week prior to delivery. She has not been adherent with buprenorphine and has continued intermittently using pressed opioid pills and occasional alprazolam
- » Total infant stay was 28 Days
- » Total morphine need was:
  - » 50.6 mg total
  - » 18.7 mg/day
  - » 2.3 mg/dose
- » Infant stayed on 4 different hospital units
- » Kayla felt judged, inadequate and powerless



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### CONSEQUENCES OF PERINATAL SUD

	Preterm Labor	Low Birthweight	Fetal demise	Cognitive or Developmental Effects	Other
Tobacco	X	X	X		Birth defects
Alcohol	X	X		X	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)
Cannabis		X	X	X*	Mood/ behavioral disorders
Opioids	X	X		X*	Abruption, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)

SOURCE: See consolidation of Perinatal Outcome References at end of this presentation

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### CRITICALLY APPRAISING THE LITERATURE ON PERINATAL SUBSTANCE EXPOSURE: SCIENCE, CONTEXT AND COMMON SENSE

- » Science is always in search of the gold standard
  - » Historic studies were mostly retrospective and observational
  - » Many confounding factors
  - » What about the study hypotheses and comparisons
- » Much has been pronounced about outcomes regarding perinatal substance exposure
- » Understand the limitations
  - » The attribution (causation) problem
  - » Inconsistent diagnostic criteria/definitions, measures (tools)
  - » Which is the right comparison group (as we assess effects of substance use disorder treatment with medications)
  - » Small numbers
- » About common sense
  - » Most drugs we're discussing readily cross the placenta
  - » Does common sense override reality?


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### CRITICALLY APPRAISING THE LITERATURE ON PERINATAL SUBSTANCE EXPOSURE: SCIENCE, CONTEXT AND COMMON SENSE

- » Psychomotor development
  - » Mixed results on effects of Methadone @18 and 36 mos.
- » Cognitive and achievement
  - » One meta-analysis (2014) revealed "trends" but no significant difference in memory and cognition
  - » Older and more recent studies (including substance use disorder treatment with medications as exposure) demonstrate significant difference in IQ, academic performance
- » Language – difficult to tease out of analyses
- » Socio-emotional
  - » Recent study demonstrates ↑risk of anxiety, emotional disturbance, autism; and twice as likely to have ADHD, conduct or adjustment disorder

Picture from Admin of Children and Families.



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### TIME FOR A POLL

Which of the following statement(s) is/are most accurate about infants exposed to opioids?

- A. Infants born of mothers on substance use disorder treatment with medications, such as Buprenorphine or Methadone, for more than 6 weeks during the pregnancy are rarely born with symptoms of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).
- B. The modified Finnegan score is the gold standard for monitoring infants with NAS.
- C. Mothers on substance use disorder treatment with medications should never breast feed their infants.
- D. Cannabis use causes fewer short and long-term effects than on exposed infants than do opioids.
- E. A significant % of opioid exposed infants with NAS can be treated without pharmacotherapy.


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### SHORT TERM EFFECTS OF OPIOID EXPOSURE: THE SUMMARY

- » Teratogenic (animal studies)
  - » ↓brain and cell growth
- » Growth, maturation
  - » ↑Risk of preterm births
  - » Lower birthweight\*, and ↓head circumference
- » Brain organization
  - » ↓ Brain growth (animal studies)
  - » Neurotransmitter studies infrequent and mixed results
- » NAS/Neonatal Withdrawal Syndrome (NWS) in 50-80% of exposed infants

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### NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (NAS): HOSPITAL CARE

*NAS is a post-birth drug withdrawal syndrome characterized by:*  
 CNS irritability  
 Autonomic hyperreactivity  
 GI dysfunction

- » NAS may not be recognized (occurs in 50-80% of exposed infants)
- » Goals
  - » Optimize growth and development
  - » Minimize negative outcomes
  - » Support secure attachment and post-discharge
  - » Opportunity for health and wellbeing
  - » Reduce lengths of stay and treatment\*
- » Having a protocol for identification and management is critical
- » Historic approaches to management are giving way to new paradigms

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### CHANGING PARADIGMS OF CARE FOR NEONATES WITH NAS

Eat - ≥ 1 oz or full BF session  
 Sleep - ≥ 1 hour between feeds  
 Console – Cease crying within 10 min. of being consoled

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        G1[Improve the care of infants with NAS]
      end
      subgraph AIM [AIM]
        A1[Decrease the ALOS of infants with NAS by 50%]
      end
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        B2[2) Seizures]
        B3[3) 30-day readmissions related to NAS]
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        I5[Rapid morphine weans]
        I6[Morphine given as needed]
        I7[Empowering messaging to parents]
        I8[Spread of change concepts to NICU]
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 Grossman MR, et al. Pediatrics. 2017;139(6):e20163360

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### CHANGING PARADIGMS OF CARE FOR NEONATES WITH NAS

- » Special ward setting (non-ICU)
- » Staffing - dedicated, trained
- » Mom's Roles – assessments
- » Improved communication
- » Comprehensive care

Source: Czynski A. Family Care Support Services, Women and Infants Hosp, RI

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      A[Prenatal Consultation] --> B[Inpatient Observation & NAS Treatment while Rooming In]
      B --> C[Appropriate Neuro-developmental + Primary Care Follow-Up and Support]
  
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### STANDARDIZED NON-PHARMACOLOGIC CARE BUNDLE

- » Support and coaching for parents (consoling support interventions)
- » Proactive skin protection
- » Environmental Accommodations
  - o Maternal presence and Rooming-in
  - o Dim lights
  - o Reduced NICU admission
  - o Reduced/coordinated interventions
  - o Reduction in white noise/sound (location)
  - o Limit visitors

Outcomes realized:

- » Better engaged, more confident parents
- » Reduced use and absolute dosage of medication
- » Reduced length of stay
- » Reduced overall costs of care

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### STANDARDIZED NON-PHARMACOLOGIC CARE BUNDLE CONT.

- » Swaddling
- » Cuddler program
- » Breastfeeding promotion/On demand feeds
- » Non-nutritive sucking
- » Establishing policies and procedures

Outcomes realized:

- » Better engaged, more confident parents
- » Reduced use and absolute dosage of medication
- » Reduced length of stay
- » Reduced overall costs of care

- o Non-pharmacologic interventions
- o Rapid weaning protocol
- o Guidelines for assessment and monitoring
- o Methadone and Adjunctive therapies
- o When needed (PRN) vs scheduled Morphine

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## EDUCATE STAFF ABOUT NAS AND EMERGING PRACTICES

### Identification, evaluation, and treatment


- » Clinical providers and staff with strong foundation of knowledge can educate and support families
- » Positive interactions with families of newborns with NAS contribute to better outcomes and reduced LOS
- » Provider and staff interactions with families should be supportive and non-judgmental
- » Families can play valuable role in care, including mothers being encouraged to breastfeed if on stable substance use disorder treatment with medications

OPIOIDS and NAS  
When reporting on mothers, babies, and substance use


### LANGUAGE MATTERS



**I am not an addict.**  
I was exposed to substances in utero. I am not addicted. Addiction is a set of behaviors associated with having a Substance Use Disorder (SUD).



**I was exposed to opioids.**  
While I was in the womb my mother and I shared a blood supply. I was exposed to the medications and substances she used. I may have become physiologically dependent on some of those substances.



**NAS is a temporary and treatable condition.**  
There are evidence-based pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatments for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

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## EMPOWERING MESSAGES TO PARTNERS

“On the inpatient unit, we explained that our first-line and most important treatment would center around measures to comfort the infant and that these should be performed by a family member. Parents were told that they were the treatment of their infants and must be present as much as possible. Nurses and physicians focused on supporting and coaching parents on the care of their infants.”

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Grossman MR et al. An Initiative to Improve the Quality of Care of Infants with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. Pediatrics. 2017;139(6):e20163360
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# BREASTFEEDING AND PARENTAL SUD AND HIV

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## BENEFITS OF BREASTFEEDING

Breastfeeding reduces the risk of:

- Respiratory infections and otitis media
- Gastrointestinal infections
- Sudden infant death syndrome
- Protection against allergic disease
- Celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease
- Obesity, diabetes (types 1 and 2)
- Adverse neurodevelopmental outcomes

- Maternal benefits: reduced risk of breast and ovarian cancer
- Maternal bonding/decreased risk of abuse
- Breastfed infants less likely to require pharmacological intervention for NAS
- Reduced symptoms of NAS
- Shorter length of stay for NAS
- Shorter duration of pharmacologic treatment when needed for NAS

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## CONTRAINDICATIONS TO BREASTFEEDING

» Medical contraindications in infant (e.g., galactosemia +/- phenyl ketonuria [PKU])

» Specific Maternal infections

- ❖ HIV\*
- ❖ Brucellosis (untreated)
- ❖ Cracked nipples in women with HepB/C\*\*
- ❖ COVID-19\*\*\*
- ❖ Human T-lymphocyte virus (HTLV) I or II
- ❖ Active, untreated tuberculosis (TB)\*\*\*
- ❖ Active herpes simplex virus (HSV) lesions (including Varicella) on nipple/breast\*\*

» Women with SUD (including cannabis) – not stable in treatment

\* Updated guidelines encourage informed consent, without actively discouraging breastfeeding

\*\* Pump and dump

\*\*\* Pump but avoid close contact

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## BREASTFEEDING GUIDANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH HIV – NIH AND CDC, 2023

- » Mothers who have questions about breastfeeding or who want to breastfeed should receive patient-centered, evidence-based information and counseling on infant feeding options, including ways to reduce the risk of HIV transmission through breast milk including:
  - Replacement feeding with properly prepared formula or pasteurized donor human milk from a milk bank eliminates the risk of postnatal HIV transmission to the infant.
  - Achieving and maintaining viral suppression through ART during pregnancy, delivery, and postpartum decreases risk of transmission through breastfeeding to less than 1%, but not zero.
- » If mothers choose to breastfeed, providers should emphasize the importance of adherence to ART.
- » Mothers with HIV who choose to breastfeed should receive close follow-up.
- » Healthcare providers are encouraged to consult the National Perinatal HIV/AIDS Hotline (1-888-448-8765) if they have questions regarding mothers with HIV who want to breastfeed.

SOURCE: NIH Recommendations for ART During Pregnancy and Interventions to reduce Perinatal HIV Transmission. Jan. 2023 <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/en/guidelines/perinatal/whats-new>

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## WHAT ABOUT BREASTFEEDING AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT WITH MEDICATIONS?

- » Methadone (3%) and Buprenorphine (2.4%) pass thru breastmilk in clinically insignificant amounts
  - » Encourage breastfeeding (especially during NAS)
- » Limited information about Naltrexone and breastfeeding
  - » Limited transfer into breastmilk (0.86%)
  - » Extreme limits on bioavailability in buprenorphine combination products taken orally (po) or sublingually (SL)
- » Information on long term effects of substance use disorder treatment with medications exposure is still unclear
- » Benefits outweigh the risks
- » Communication and “informed consent”
  - » Benefits: Mothers should know the benefits of breastfeeding and of taking meds while breastfeeding
  - » Risks: Considerations for breastfeeding while on any Medications (especially other psychotropic medications)
  - » Risks: Mothers should know contraindications and relative contraindications
  - » Risks: Mothers should know risk of relapse and risky behaviors if not on substance use disorder treatment with medications

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## FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE INFANT FEEDING DECISIONS AMONG PERSONS ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT WITH MEDICATIONS

- » Social stigma surrounding substance use disorder treatment with medications
- » Information and misinformation from healthcare personnel
  - » Mixed messages from providers
  - » Overt or implicit messages from nursing and other support staff
- » Court or Child Protective Services “orders” to refrain from breastfeeding
- » Feedback and Information from peers



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## SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR ADDRESSING MARIJUANA USE AND BREASTFEEDING SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER

Importance of highlighting the benefits of breastfeeding and education of families, context is in caring for the mother and baby as a whole...

### Marijuana script excerpts

*Marijuana, also known as "weed" or "pot" is now legal in California for adults over 21. But this doesn't mean it's safe for pregnant or breastfeeding moms or babies. THC in marijuana gets into breast milk and may affect your baby's brain and development...*

*Secondhand marijuana smoke is also bad for your baby. Marijuana smoke has many of the same chemicals as tobacco smoke. Some of these chemicals may cause cancer or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Don't allow anyone to smoke anything in your home or around your baby...*

*If you choose to smoke, it is really important to have someone who is not under the influence watching your baby. And be sure to keep marijuana, including edibles, out of reach of children...*

*Given the concerns about possible effects on your baby's brain and development, we recommend not smoking marijuana or using marijuana edibles while you are breastfeeding.*

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## WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT(S) IS/ARE MOST ACCURATE ABOUT INFANTS EXPOSED TO OPIOIDS? – THE ANSWER

- A. Infants born of mothers on substance use disorder treatment with medications, such as Buprenorphine or Methadone, for more than 6 weeks during the pregnancy are rarely born with symptoms of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).
- B. The modified Finnegan score is the gold standard for monitoring infants with NAS.
- C. Mothers on substance use disorder treatment with medications should never breast feed their infants.
- D. Cannabis use causes fewer short and long-term effects than on exposed infants than do opioids.
- E. A significant % of opioid exposed infants with NAS can be treated without pharmacotherapy.**

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## RESOURCES

- » **NAS Toolkit** – 39 best practices, guidelines and protocols on perinatal SUD  
[nastoolkit.org](http://nastoolkit.org)
  - » Breastfeeding: Best Practice 9
  - » NAS: Best Practices 16-24
  - » Outcomes of exposed infants: Best Practices 28-33
  - » Neurobiology of SUD: Best Practice 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 37
- » HMA's SUD Website: [addictionfreeca.org](http://addictionfreeca.org)
- » CA SUD Consultation line (UCSF):  
<https://nccc.ucsf.edu/clinician-consultation/substance-use-management/california-substance-use-line/>
- » Minnesota Women's Recovery Services [mn.gov/dhs/recovery](http://mn.gov/dhs/recovery)
- » SAMHSA: SAMHSA's National Helpline  
<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>

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## ACCESSING, OBTAINING, AND INTEGRATING SERVICES IN MN

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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES: ACCESSING, OBTAINING, AND INTEGRATING SERVICES IN MN

I	II	III	IV
Understand and explain the key concepts of whole-person care	Be able to list at least 3 of the basic chemical dependency rules/regulations in Minnesota	Describe the continuum of recovery support services for substance use and HIV treatment in Minnesota and be able to list at least 3 resources for accessing those services	Discuss the importance of linkages, warm handoffs and case management for retention on a recovery path

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### WHOLE PERSON CARE

The patient centered use of diverse health care resources to deliver the physical, behavioral, emotional, and social services required to improve wholistic health.

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### WHOLE PERSON CARE

Involves care coordination between primary care, community-based organizations, and behavioral health providers.

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### CASE MANAGEMENT

**Case Management** is the tool that health care providers and social service organizations can use to coordinate their efforts.

A case management approach

- » Recognizes that satisfying such basic needs as general health and adequate housing and food when an individual has SUD can be overwhelming
- » SUD symptoms will impair a person's ability to gain access to formalized system of services
- » Should be utilized in dealing with the multiple problems presented by HIV in combination with SUD
- » Promotes teamwork among the various providers
- » Linkages can greatly benefit the client and improve care

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## CASE MANAGEMENT AND COUNSELING

Counselors should be knowledgeable about the eligibility criteria, duration of service, and amount of assistance for basic financial assistance programs, including welfare, unemployment insurance, disability income, food stamps, and vocational rehabilitation. For specific information on economic assistance available in Minnesota visit the Department of Human Services website: <http://mn.gov/dhs/>.



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## DISCUSSION QUESTION

**What successes have you experienced thinking about case management and counseling of your clients?**

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## HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

In response to implementation of the Affordable Care Act, Minnesota's health care exchange, MNsure has partnered with agencies across the state to offer free enrollment assistance. Certified agents and navigators will be available to answer questions, recommend plan selection and work to help you complete your enrollment.

Whether you seek a competitively priced private health insurance plan or qualify for a public program like Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare, you can contact an assister agency to schedule an appointment or request walk-in hours.

For more information please visit the MNSURE webpage at <https://www.mnsure.org/>, or contact MNSURE by phone at 1-855-366-7873.

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## HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

The Ryan White Care Act provides additional coverage for those living with HIV that may be uninsured or under-insured.

For information about Ryan White Programs in Minnesota please visit the Minnesota Department of Human Services webpage:

<https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/hiv-aids/programs-services/>

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**2023 MINNESOTA STATUTES – SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT**

**2023 Minnesota Statutes:**  
<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/245G/pdf>

**Service Initiation**

The license holder must complete an initial services plan within 24 hours of the day of service initiation.

The plan must be person-centered and client-specific, address the client's immediate health and safety concerns, and identify the treatment needs of the client to be addressed during the time between the day of service initiation and development of the individual treatment plan.

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**2023 MINNESOTA STATUTES – SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT**

**Comprehensive Assessment and Assessment Summary**

A comprehensive assessment of the client's substance use disorder must be administered face-to-face by an alcohol and drug counselor within five calendar days from the day of service initiation for a residential program or by the end of the fifth day on which a treatment service is provided in a nonresidential program. The number of days to complete the comprehensive assessment excludes the day of service initiation. If the comprehensive assessment is not completed within the required time frame, the person-centered reason for the delay and the planned completion date must be documented in the client's file.

The comprehensive assessment is complete upon a qualified staff member's dated signature. If the client received a comprehensive assessment that authorized the treatment service, an alcohol and drug counselor may use the comprehensive assessment for requirements of this subdivision but must document a review of the comprehensive assessment and update the comprehensive assessment as clinically necessary to ensure compliance with this subdivision within applicable timelines. An alcohol and drug counselor must sign and date the comprehensive assessment review and update.

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**2023 MINNESOTA STATUTES – SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT**

**Individual Treatment Plan**

Each client must have a person-centered individual treatment plan developed by an alcohol and drug counselor within ten days from the day of service initiation for a residential program, by the end of the tenth day on which a treatment session has been provided from the day of service initiation for a client in a nonresidential program, not to exceed 30 days. Opioid treatment programs must complete the individual treatment plan within 21 days from the day of service initiation

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245G.07 Treatment Service: A licensed residential treatment program must offer the treatment services in clauses (1) to (5) to each client, unless clinically inappropriate and the justifying clinical rationale is documented. A nonresidential treatment program must offer all treatment services in clauses (1) to (5) and document in the individual treatment plan the specific services for which a client has an assessed need and the plan to provide the services:

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(1) individual and group counseling to help the client identify and address needs related to substance use and develop strategies to avoid harmful substance use after discharge and to help the client obtain the services necessary to establish a lifestyle free of the harmful effects of substance use disorder;

(2) client education strategies to avoid inappropriate substance use and health problems related to substance use and the necessary lifestyle changes to regain and maintain health. Client education must include information on tuberculosis education on a form approved by the commissioner, the human immunodeficiency virus according to section 245A.19, other sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol use during pregnancy, and hepatitis;

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(3) a service to help the client integrate gains made during treatment into daily living and to reduce the client's reliance on a staff member for support;

(4) a service to address issues related to co-occurring disorders, including client education on symptoms of mental illness, the possibility of comorbidity, and the need for continued medication compliance while recovering from substance use disorder. A group must address co-occurring disorders, as needed. When treatment for mental health problems is indicated, the treatment must be integrated into the client's individual treatment plan; and


(5) treatment coordination provided one-to-one by an individual who meets the staff qualifications in section 245G.11, subdivision 7.

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**TRANSITIONS OF CARE**

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**CONTINUITY OF CARE-CROSS SECTOR TRANSITION**

Transitions of care should happen seamlessly throughout the SUD eco-system

- » Emergency Department/Hospital
- » Detox / Sobering Centers
- » Increase/decrease in level of care intensity (residential, intensive outpatient, outpatient)
- » Psychiatric care
- » Primary and specialty care (including ObGyn)
- » Incarceration
  - » Opportunity for in reach into incarcerated settings
    - » Telehealth visits
    - » In person

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**TRANSITIONS: WHAT IMMEDIATE NEEDS DO CLIENTS HAVE?**

- » Housing
- » Food
- » Insurance
- » Medical and Behavioral Health Care

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### CHATTER FALL

Please take a minute to type your response in the Zoom Group Chat, but don't click enter.

**What would make the transition from one point of contact to another more successful?**

**When instructed, please click enter.**

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### TRANSITIONS: WHAT MAKES TRANSITIONS EFFECTIVE?

- » Creating the relationship (engagement) with the individual pre-initiation to inform, support and educate about initiation
- » Begin transition and safety planning immediately
  - » Interim plan - assuming individual can leave at any time for any reason
- » Supporting through initiation, including education about resources, supports and next steps
- » Intentional planning for referral and linkage to resources, including treatment and resources to address social determinants of health (SDOH)
- » Maintaining responsibility for core care coordination roles unless or until this responsibility is intentionally transitioned to another responsible individual with consent of patient

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### WARM HANDOFF: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT ISN'T

#### What is a Warm Handoff?

- A **transition of responsibility** for care coordination
- Conducted **in person** with the patient (and family/supports if applicable) and the transferring and receiving individuals responsible for care coordination
- May, through necessity, be "virtually" in person, but **must minimally include individuals noted above**
- Recommend confirmation of transition – **or the handoff is not complete**

#### What is NOT a Warm Handoff?

- Making a follow up appointment for the patient and telling them the time and place
- Identifying an organization vs. an Individual who is accepting responsibility for care coordination

#### Why is it important? Warm handoffs:

- Engage patients and families as team members (the most important team members)
- Build relationships
- Confirm accuracy of information and build safety checks

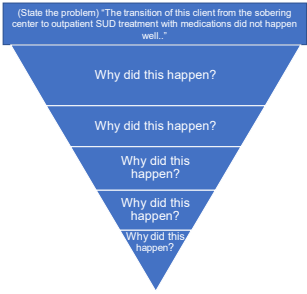
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### RETENTION/REFERRAL WHEN TRANSITIONS ARE DIFFICULT

- » If transition has not been successful, assess why ("5 Whys" approach) it was unsuccessful and plan for how to make it successful to accomplish the transition – ideally with the patient
- » Fundamentally – continuing to demonstrate commitment to the outcome: a successful transition of care

(State the problem) "The transition of this client from the sobering center to outpatient SUD treatment with medications did not happen well."



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### RESOURCES: MINNESOTA AND OTHER

**Minnesota Department of Human Services**

- » [HIV/AIDS Programs/Services](#)
- » [Alcohol, Drug, and Other Addictions Program Overviews](#)

**AIDSLine**

- » [AIDSLine Website](#)
- » 612-373-2437
- » [aidsline@aliveness.org](mailto:aidsline@aliveness.org)

**United Way 211**

- » [211 Website & Resource Directory](#)
- » Call 211 to speak with a Community Resource Specialist

**Fast-Tracker Minnesota**

- » [Find Treatment Providers](#)

**Community Partners Supporting this Work**

- [Harm Reduction Sisters](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples Task Force](#)
- [Native American Community Clinic](#)
- [Rural AIDS Action Network](#)
- [Turning Point](#)
- [The Aliveness Project](#)


**Additional Training Resources:**

- [AIDS Education & Training Center Program](#)

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### VIDEO – PRINCIPLES OF PERINATAL SUBSTANCE USE



<https://vimeo.com/493418296>

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### NEXT STEPS

Please complete the evaluation for this session that will be sent out after via email (evaluations must be completed for those seeking CEU/CME credits).

Follow-up questions?  
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