

Prenatal Substance Exposure - Why Should I Care?

Prenatal Substance Exposure - Why Should I Care, an eLearning course, demonstrates the dangers of prenatal substance exposure for drug endangered children (DEC) throughout their lives and provides action steps that stakeholders can take to respond to the needs of drug endangered children.

Prenatal substance exposure has the potential to cause a variety of physical and developmental challenges for drug endangered children throughout their lives. The content outlines the part individuals play in identifying children who are at risk, how to begin the earliest possible intervention while in utero, and understanding one's ability to change the trajectory of the child's life. Intervention begins by starting a conversation using interviewing techniques and providing resources and sharing information with community partners.

For more information on drug endangered children, please contact National DEC at <https://nationaldec.org>.



Learning Hours:

45 minutes

Target Audience:

Law enforcement, first responders, child welfare, medical, legal, and education professionals.

Completion Standards:

Certificate of Completion awarded based on assigned learning hours and minimum 80% score on post course assessment.

Portal course sessions are active Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 of each year and course content must be completed by December 31 to earn your certificate.

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Learning Objectives

- *Identify the effects of maternal substance use or exposure to drug activity during pregnancy*
- *Recognize the importance of early identification and intervention in changing the trajectory of a child's life and breaking the intergenerational cycle of abuse*
- *Select appropriate techniques to engage in conversation with prenatal subjects*
- *Provide prenatal subjects with information about resources available to them in their community*
- *Recognize the essential elements required for a multidisciplinary collaborative response to meet the needs of drug endangered children*
- *Choose appropriate next steps to take after completing this module*

Cooperative Partners:

This tuition-free online training was developed by National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC) and funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Visit the **COPS Portal** and get started in under 5 minutes!

Additional courses provided by DEC include: **Drug Endangered Children Overview**, **Postnatal Risks - How You Can Make a Difference**, and **You Can Change the Long-Term Outcomes of Drug Endangered Children**.



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