

Policy Opportunities for Legal & Public Safety Systems

This resource highlights the policies in the Perinatal Substance Use Collaboration & Policy Action Map that are most relevant to the Legal and Public Safety Systems sector. It is designed to help sector partners quickly identify where they can contribute to strengthening the perinatal substance use system.

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE:

Within the policy opportunity column, use the POLICY LEVEL TAG to identify whether the policy is a federal, state, local, or organizational policy.

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| ■ Federal Policy | ■ Local Policy |
| ■ State Policy | ■ Organizational Policy |

The POLICY FOCUS AREA TAG can be used to identify which of the five core focus areas the policy supports:

- **Sustainable Financing and Investment:** Ensuring sustained resources to support accessible, high-quality perinatal SUD care, services, and system infrastructure.
- **Integrated, Family-Centered Care:** Promoting coordinated care that addresses the needs of the whole family and is grounded in families' preferences, strengths, and expertise.
- **Legal and Policy Reform:** Removing legal and policy barriers that create harm or limit access to care while advancing policies that protect and support families.
- **Family Stability and Preservation:** Strengthening the conditions and supports that help families remain safe, stable, healthy, and together whenever possible.
- **System Quality, Accountability, and Capacity:** Building the workforce capacity, infrastructure, data, and accountability needed for a high-quality, responsive, and continuously improving system.



The **potential partners column** identifies other system actors connected to each policy, helping you identify potential collaborators and opportunities for cross-sector action.



The **values advanced column** highlights which of the Action Map's core values each policy can help advance. These values reflect what people with personal experience of perinatal substance use identified as important in an ideal system.

POLICY OPPORTUNITY	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	VALUES ADVANCED
Separate CAPTA notifications from neglect reports STATE FAMILY STABILITY AND PRESERVATION	Family And Child Services, Policymakers, Regulatory Agencies, Law Enforcement, Judicial System Partners (Indirect), Advocacy Groups, Public Health Associations	- Compassion and Shared Humanity - Trauma Responsiveness - Transparency and Accountability
Ensure integrated maternal reentry and care continuity STATE INTEGRATED, FAMILY-CENTERED CARE	Family and Child Services, Law Enforcement, Behavioral Health Providers, Healthcare Organizations, Housing Programs, Medicaid Agencies	- Lifelong Recovery and Family Wellbeing - Shared Purpose and Collective Responsibility - Trauma Responsiveness
Strengthen care coordination during reentry ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRATED, FAMILY-CENTERED CARE	Family and Child Services, Behavioral Health Providers, Healthcare Organizations, Housing Programs, County Public Health Agencies, Community Organizations	- Shared Purpose and Collective Responsibility - Lifelong Recovery and Family Wellbeing
Promote evidence-based judicial decision-making STATE FAMILY STABILITY AND PRESERVATION	Family Treatment Courts, Law Enforcement, Policymakers, Academia, Think Tanks, Public Health Associations	- Transparency and Accountability - Compassion and Shared Humanity - Trauma Responsiveness
Expand family treatment courts and supportive court practices ORGANIZATIONAL FAMILY STABILITY AND PRESERVATION	Family Treatment Courts, Law Enforcement, Family and Child Services, Behavioral Health Providers, Healthcare Organizations, Advocacy Groups	- Compassion and Shared Humanity - Trauma Responsiveness - Lifelong Recovery and Family Wellbeing
Create diversion and family preservation programs LOCAL FAMILY STABILITY AND PRESERVATION	Law Enforcement, Family Treatment Courts, Family and Child Services, Behavioral Health Providers, Healthcare Organizations	- Compassion and Shared Humanity - Trauma Responsiveness - Lifelong Recovery and Family Wellbeing
Change timelines to promote recovery STATE FAMILY STABILITY AND PRESERVATION	Policymakers, Judicial and Law Enforcement, Family Treatment Courts, Family And Child Services, Licensing and Regulatory Bodies, Behavioral Health Divisions, Medicaid Agencies, Public Health Associations, Professional Associations, Academia, Think Tanks, Advocacy Groups, Title V MCH & CYSHCN Programs, IECMH Programs, Early Intervention (Part C), Head Start	- Lifelong Recovery and Family Wellbeing - Compassion and Shared Humanity - Trauma Responsiveness

		
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Establish timely review and appeal processes for family separation decisions ORGANIZATIONAL FAMILY STABILITY AND PRESERVATION	Judicial And Law Enforcement, Family Treatment Courts, Policymakers, Family and Child Services, Licensing and Regulatory Bodies, Advocacy Groups, Legal Advocacy Partners (Embedded Within Social Services/Legal Systems), Behavioral Health Divisions, Healthcare Organizations, Behavioral Health Providers, Clinicians/General Providers, Medicaid Agencies, Public Health Associations, State Data And Surveillance Systems, MMRCs/Fetal & Infant Mortality Reviews, Title V MCH & CYSHCN Programs, Regulatory Agencies, Think Tanks, Academia, News Media, Health Communications	▪ Transparency and Accountability ▪ Compassion and Shared Humanity