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TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- To discuss issues faced by infants born with NAS and mothers in recovery from a substance use disorder.
- To provide an overview of the "Breaking the Chains, Changing the Future" recovery support services program.
- To explore effective interventions that support pregnant and postpartum mothers in recovery and their infants born with NAS.

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NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (NAS)

- Neonatal abstinence syndrome (also called NAS) is a group of conditions caused when a baby withdraws from certain drugs he/she's exposed to in the womb before birth.
- NAS is most often caused when a woman takes drugs called opioids during pregnancy. But it also can be caused by antidepressants (used to treat depression), barbiturates or benzodiazepines (sleeping pills).

ISSUES FACED BY INFANTS BORN WITH NAS

- Developmental delays (sitting, walking, talking, having social skills and having thinking skills).
- Motor problems (Issues with bones, muscles and movement).
- · Behavior and learning problems.
- Speech and language problems
- Sleep problems
- Ear infections
- Vision problems

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ISSUES FACED BY WOMEN WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

- · Access to childcare services.
- Unacknowledged differences in drug interactions and addictive qualities.
- Common side and interaction effects of drugs are ignored or mischaracterized.
- Harsher societal judgement lends itself to secrecy and later attempts to access treatment.
- Most research on prescribed drugs are based on men of a small age demographic.
- . Higher incidences of reported domestic and sexual violence.

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BREAKING THE CHAINS, CHANGING THE FUTURE

Targeted Peer Recovery Support Services:

- Our certified peer recovery specialists, trainers and supervisors have advanced training to work with the special population of pregnant and postpartum women.
- Recovery support services can be provided onsite or virtually for individuals and group sessions on a weekly to monthly basis. This is a free service for any pregnant or postpartum woman struggling with SUD and or recovery related issues.

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What do Peer Workers Do?

- inspire hope that people can and do recover.
- walk with people on their recovery journeys.
- dispel myths about what it means to have a mental health condition or substance use disorder.
- \bullet provide self-help education and link people to tools and resources
- support people in identifying their goals, hopes, and dreams, and creating a roadmap for getting there.

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Benefits of Peer Recovery Support Services

- Increases self-esteem and confidence.
- Increases sense of control and ability to bring about changes in their life.
- Increases sense of hope and aspiration.
- Increased self-care and wellness.
- Decreased drug use and depression.

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Play and Learn classes:

- For mothers and babies zero to 34 months. Attachment based social interactive classes will help moms connect, develop recovery social supports, and focus on fostering a secure attachment, healthy coping, and self-regulation skills for mother and baby.
- The play and learn groups will be offered onsite and virtually with materials provided weekly. For virtual groups materials will be mailed in advance. Each four-week session will have a dedicated theme connected to the book, its music, and the free online video.

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Benefits of Play and learn classes:

- Promotes the development of social-emotional, cognitive, and selfregulation skills.
- Promotes physical developments.
- Promotes the development of peer relationships.
 Promotes development of skills, such as problem solving, collaboration, and creativity.

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Recovery Support Groups:

- Recovery Support Groups are designed to provide mutual support to each participant. They are usually free, anonymous, and run by peers. These types of groups can help support a person's recovery and create a safe environment for them to connect with others in recovery.
- While recovery support groups are not considered formal treatment, they can complement prior or ongoing treatment and can be held in a variety of settings.

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Benefits of Recovery Support Groups:

- Increasing rates of abstinence.
- Promote a greater quality of life.
- Reduced rate of relapse.
- Increased satisfaction with the overall treatment experience.
- Increased treatment retention.
- Improved relationships with family, friends, and co-workers.

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Common Recovery Support Groups:

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Celebrate Recovery
- Smart Recovery
- · Women for Sobriety
- Mothers for Recovery

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