Did you know?

- An estimated 17.6% of Maine’s pregnant women use alcohol and/or other drugs during pregnancy.
- Maternal substance abuse during pregnancy contributes to premature birth, low birth weight, and birth defects, the leading causes of neonatal infant mortality.
- If you stop using opiates suddenly, you are at risk of a miscarriage.

- Babies born to women who receive Medication Assisted Treatment (methadone or buprenorphine) for opiate dependence during pregnancy, fare better than babies whose mothers do not receive treatment.

For more information please contact:

State of Maine
Department of Health & Human Services
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services
41 Anthony Ave.
Augusta, ME 04333
207-287-8900 or 800-499-0027
TTY: 711 (Maine relay)

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Confidentiality

Although you may experience judgment and disapproval from others regarding your substance abuse, please be assured that treatment professionals are informed and compassionate. They are bound by strict confidentiality laws. Information regarding your identity and participation in treatment will be protected.

Options

Treatment options may include outpatient, intensive outpatient, or residential services. In addition, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) utilizing prescribed methadone or buprenorphine may be appropriate for you if you use heroin or other opiates. The type of treatment recommended for you will depend on your individual needs.

If you are pregnant and you...

◊ currently inject drugs
◊ use drugs by any other method
◊ drink alcohol

and you are concerned about...

◊ your health during pregnancy
◊ the health of your baby

then help is available for you.

Priority Treatment

Maine’s substance abuse treatment programs give priority to pregnant women who seek treatment. There is always a place available for you. Our treatment providers understand your special needs and will help you to navigate your way through recovery to a healthy baby, a healthy child, a healthy you!

Consult With Your Physician

If you are drinking alcohol or using other drugs and you are pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant, please consult with your physician. It is important to explore your treatment options to obtain the best pre-natal care possible.