

**WHAT:** Maricopa SHIFT (Safe, Healthy Infants and Families Thrive) is a new initiative, aimed at improving cross-system collaboration in a non-stigmatizing, trauma and infant mental health informed manner, for pregnant women with a substance use disorder. **The only two qualifiers for participation are (1)- a pregnant parent and (2)- with a substance use disorder (SUD) of any kind**. Any other system involvement, including an open DCS case or not, does not affect eligibility.

**WHY:** The national Opioid epidemic has impacted thousands of newborns throughout the U.S. **Maricopa SHIFT aims at reducing the incidence of Substance Exposed Newborns (SEN)**, many of whom are affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) after exposure to opioids and other substances in utero. It has been demonstrated that *EARLY ENGAGEMENT IN COLLABORATIVE, COMPASSIONATE SERVICES PRENATALLY,* can greatly improve the outcomes for these newborns and their families in a multitude of ways.

**WHO:** Maricopa SHIFT is a collaboration of a variety of providers within Maricopa County for expectant parents affected by SUD. Examples include: MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) and substance use treatment providers; Family Treatment Court; WIC (Women, Infants and Children); High risk maternal health care providers; Hushabye Nursery; AHCCCS; MCDPH, ADHS and others.

**HOW: *When you have a client who meets the above 2 criteria, tell them about SHIFT and how it can benefit them.*** Clients can self-refer by contacting us via email or phone; or, with their consent, you can refer them to us. We’re happy to answer any questions!

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