

FINS: Prenatal Services

Fairfield County Protective Services will begin accepting Family In Need of Services (FINS) referrals for Preventative Services for pregnant women who have a **prenatal positive** screening for an **illegal substance** within their second and third trimester (no other children residing in the home).

- Second trimester is defined as: week 13 to week 28, months four, five and six
- Third trimester is defined as: week 29 to week 40, months seven, eight and nine

Purpose: Fairfield County Protective Services will designate an Intake Caseworker to serve the pregnant population who are actively engaged in substance use within their second and third trimester. The purpose of early intervention is to link the pregnant mother with recovery services, community partners and to strengthen family supports which will assist in healthier deliveries and better outcomes for the mother and baby.

Preventative Services defined:

- A type of family in need of services intake which describes services provided by the PCSA aimed at promoting awareness or preventing child abuse and neglect which have been requested by and provided to children and families who have no current allegations of abuse child abuse, neglect or dependency. (OAC 5101:2-01-1)
- Preventative Services are voluntary cases and the mother would need to contact the agency directly to request prenatal services be provided.

Screening Guidelines & Requirements:

FINS: Prenatal Services referrals will be screened with the following criteria:

- The pregnant mother is a resident of Fairfield County
- The pregnant mother contacts the agency and requests voluntary services due to testing positive for an illegal substance and is in the second or third trimester of her pregnancy
- The pregnant mother does not hold custody of any children
 - If the pregnant mother has children in her home whom she holds custody of, the referral can still be taken but may need to be considered as a CAN referral based on the reported information
- If Fairfield County is contacted by a healthcare provider, Plan of Safe Coordinator or other community partner to make a FINS: Prenatal Services referral, the mother must be present and verbalize a desire to voluntarily work with Fairfield County Protective Services.

What information does Protective Services need?

- When is the anticipated due date for the pregnancy? What trimester is the expectant mother currently in?
- What substance(s) did expectant mother test positive for?
 - Date of screens and results?
 - What were the levels?
- What provider completed the testing for mother? (Name of doctor's office/OBGYN/medical provider)
- Is the Mother actively engaged in and receiving prenatal care?
 - If yes, where?
- Is the mother registered in a substance abuse treatment program such as; MAT treatment, Subutex, methadone program, etc?
 - If yes, where and did you confirm this?
 - If yes, is the mother actively engaged in the treatment services?
 - If yes, where (provide contact information if known)
- Has the mother received recovery services in the past?
 - If yes, where (provide contact information if known)
- Was the mother previously or currently prescribed prescription drugs during the pregnancy?
 - If yes, what was she prescribed?
 - Would these meds result in a positive drug screen?
- Is there currently a Plan of Safe Care in place?
 - If so, who created it?
- Is the expectant mother currently in a relationship with the father of the baby?
 - If so, is RS aware of the dynamics of the relationship?
 - Are there any concerns regarding intimate partner violence?
- Does the expectant mother currently have stable housing?
- Does the expectant mother currently have any items for the baby?
- Does the expectant mother have family supports?
- What community providers is the expectant mother currently linked with?
- Has the mother had previous pregnancies? Previous births?
- Has mother given birth to other substance positive babies?

- Are there other children residing in mother's home?
- Is mother willing to open a voluntary Intake case with Protective Services?
 - If information is being presented by someone other than the expectant mother, is the mother present with RS at this time?
 - Record mother's response to this question
- What services or support would the expectant mother like to receive by working with Protective Services?