

Update on the Multi-Disciplinary Workgroup on Infants with Substance Exposure (MDWISE) and Synergy with the PA PQC

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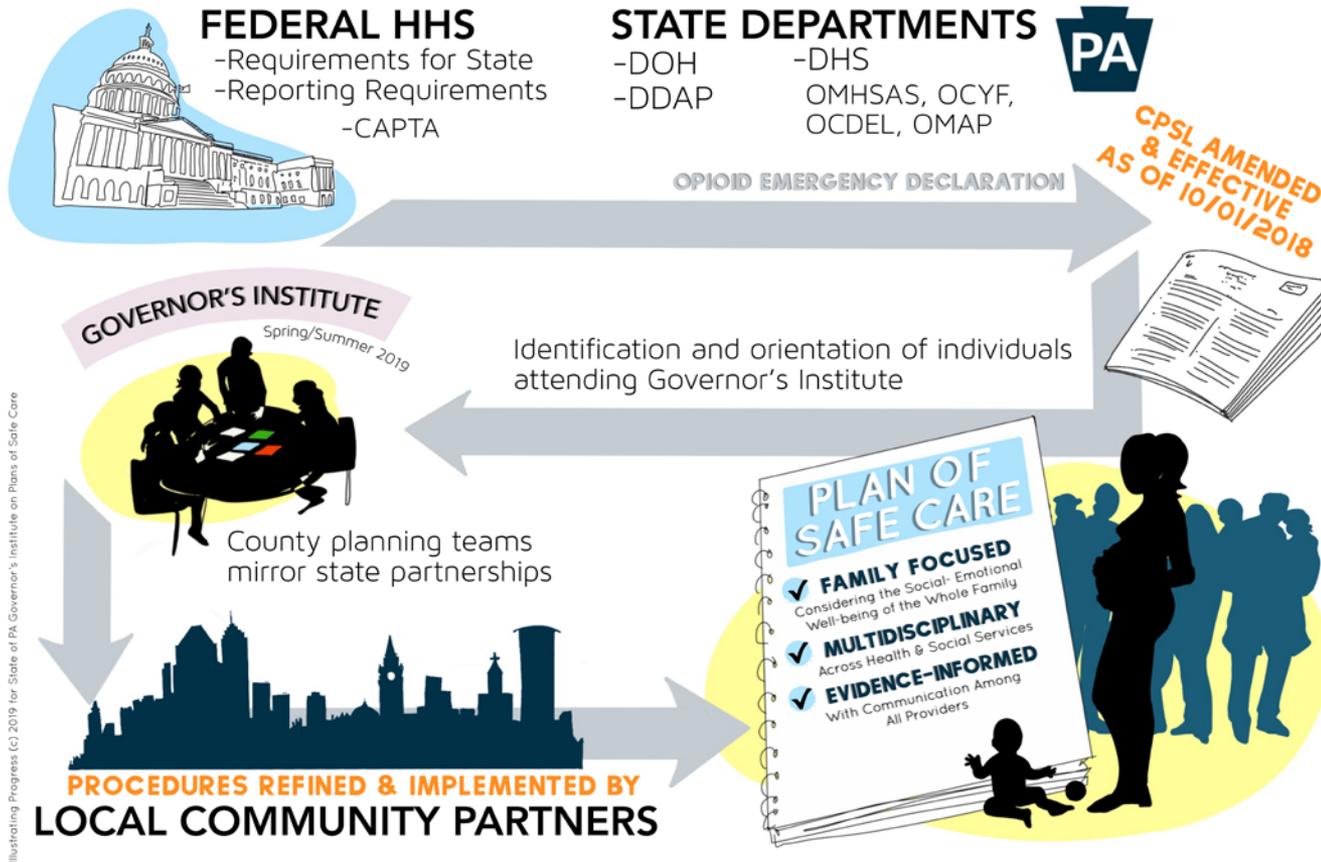
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MDWISE – Background / Purpose

ROADMAP TO PLANS OF SAFE CARE



Illustrating Progress (c) 2019 for State of PA Governor's Institute on Plans of Safe Care

MDWISE – Background / Purpose

- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (1974)
 - Federal funding to support prevention, assessment, investigation, prosecution and treatment activities related to child abuse and neglect.
- Amendments:
 - Keeping Children and Families Safe Act (2003)
 - New conditions for state grant receipt
 - CAPTA Reauthorization Act (2010)
 - Clarified definition
 - Additional reporting requirements
 - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (2016)
 - Further clarified definition & data requirements
 - Increased federal oversight

▶ Keeping Children & Families Safe Act (2003)

- Since 2003, CAPTA has addressed infants born affected by substance use.

“Illegal
substance
abuse”

and

Withdrawal
symptoms
resulting
from
prenatal
substance
exposure

CAPTA required:

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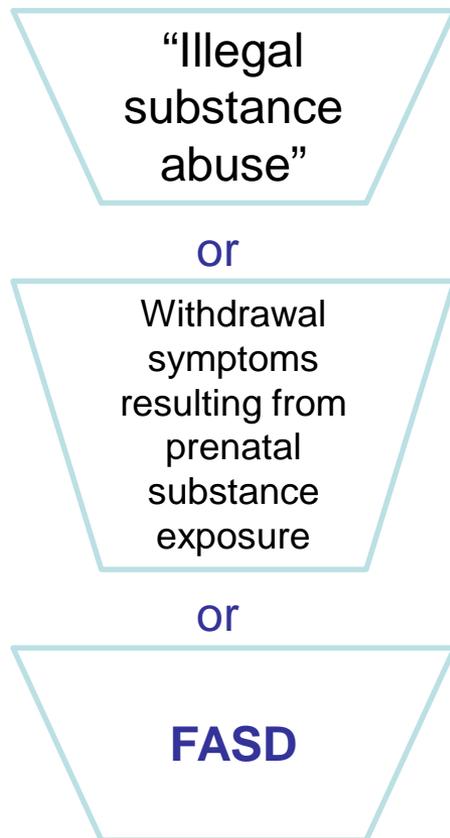
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2. Development of a plan
of safe care **for the infant**

Effective 2003-2010

CAPTA Reauthorization Act (2010)

- After 2010, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) were added



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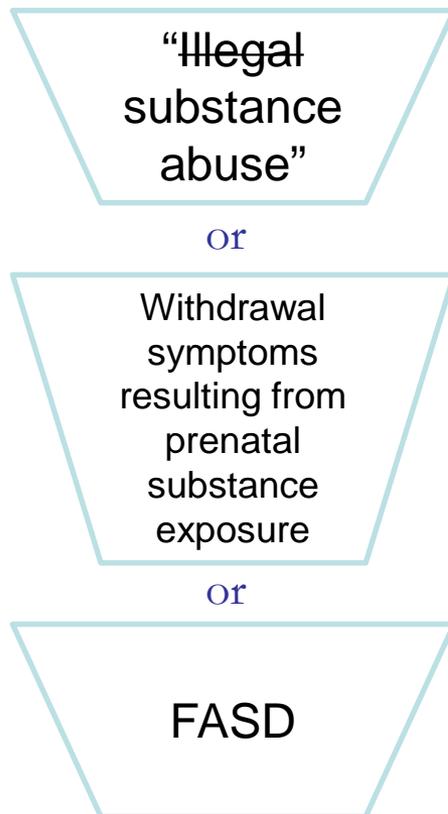
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2. Development of a plan
of safe care **for the infant**

Effective 2010-2016

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (2016)

- After 2016, “illegal” removed and family/caregivers added to Plans of Safe Care



CARA required:

1. Health care providers “notify the child protective services systems”...

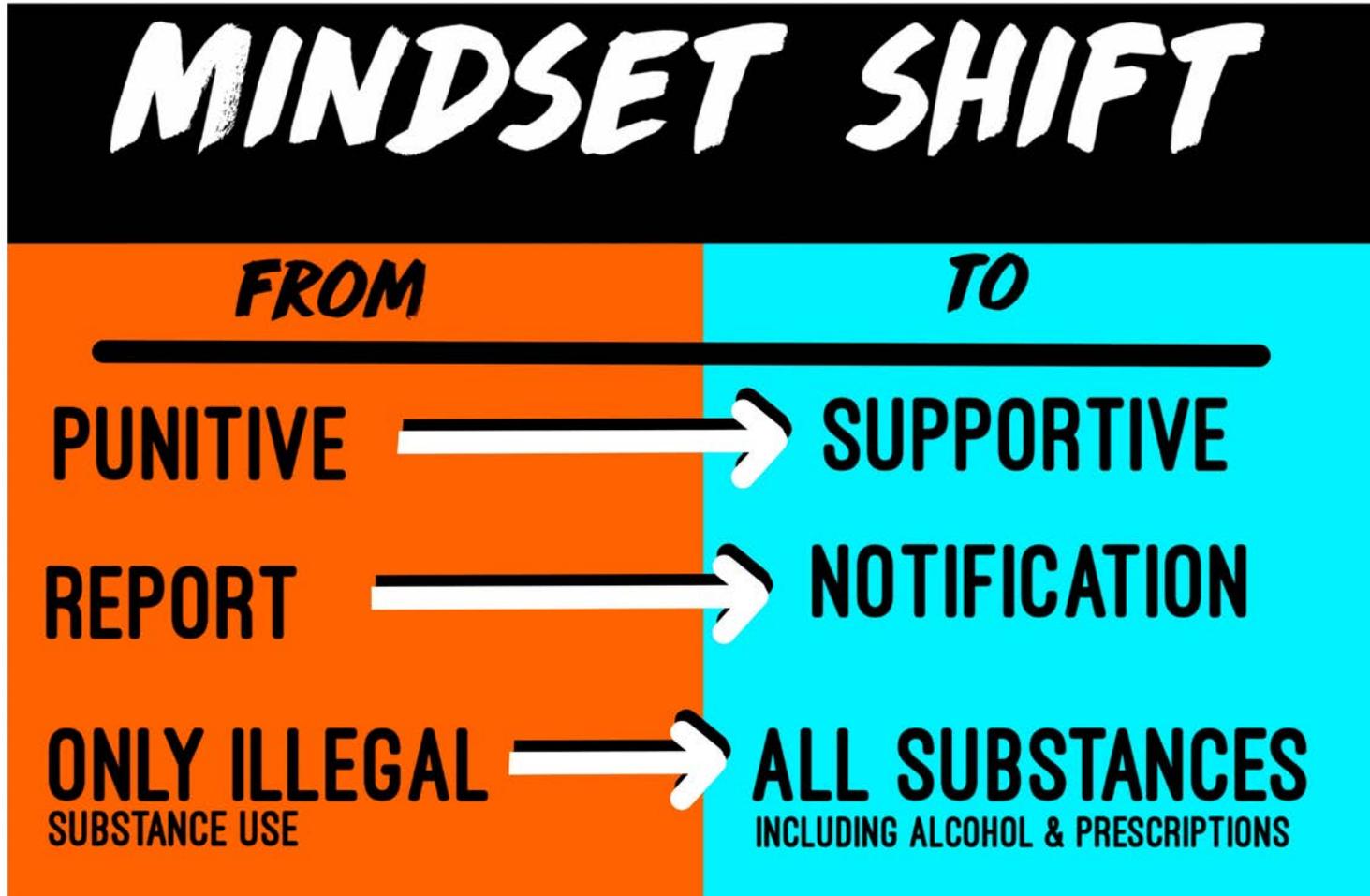
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2. Development of a plan of safe care for the infant and affected family member or caregiver

Effective 2016

MDWISE – Background / Purpose

- Intention behind the legislative changes
 - Assisting more families
 - Intervening early in the development of infants
 - Ensuring the caregiver receives treatment/services
- Policy Academy
 - Provided work space for states to:
 - 1. Determine who is responsible to develop/implement/monitor the Plan of Safe Care
 - 2. Clarify definitions in legislation –such as defining “affected by,” “withdrawal,” and “FASD”
 - 3. Develop communication protocol for submission of required data elements specified in CARA
 - PA Action Plan



MDWISE – Goals

Through a public health approach, minimize prenatal exposure to substances and improve infant, child and family outcomes.

MDWISE – Members

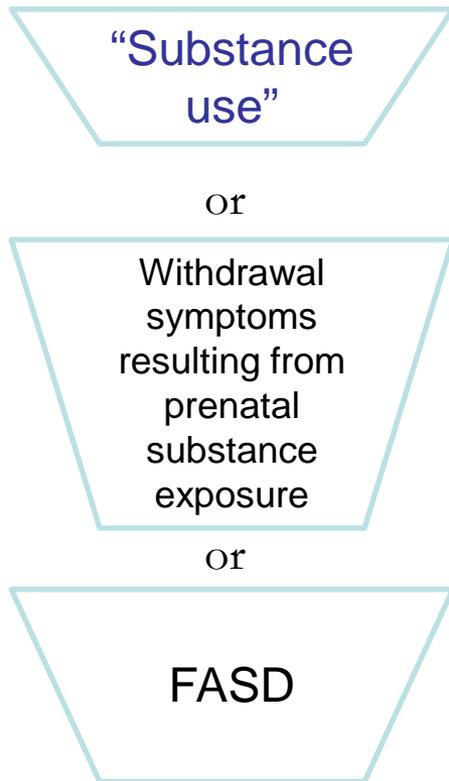
- Membership:
 - DHS Office of Children, Youth and Families
 - DHS Office of Medical Assistance Programs
 - Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health
 - Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs
 - Center for Children’s Justice
 - American Academy of Pediatrics
 - Hospital and Health System of Pennsylvania
 - Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts
 - Physicians/Nurses
 - Governor’s Executive Office
 - DHS Office of Child Development and Early Learning
 - DHS Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

MDWISE – Members

- DHS Office of Policy Development
- Center for Rural PA
- PA State Nurses Association
- PA American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- Children and Family Futures National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare
- National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare
- Magee Women’s Hospital; Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh; Reading Hospital/Tower Health
- University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health
- March of Dimes
- PA House Children and Youth Committee
- PA District Attorney’s Association

▶ Act 54 of 2018

Act 54 amended the PA Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) to comply with the CAPTA changes.



Reworks CPSL’s Section 6386 to shift from **“mandatory reporting”** to **“notification”**

Notification is for purpose of “assessing” a child and the child’s family for a Plan of Safe Care

Requires PA DHS to collaborate with Department of Health and PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs on “written protocols”

Effective 2018

Act 54 of 2018

- § 6386 (a) - For the purpose of assessing a child and the child's family for a plan of safe care, a health care provider shall immediately give notice or cause notice to be given to the department if the provider is involved in the delivery or care of **a child under one year of age and the health care provider has determined, based on standards of professional practice, the child was born affected by: (1) substance use or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure; or (2) a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.**
- (4) **Identification**, informed by **an assessment of the needs of the child and the child's parents and immediate caregivers, of the most appropriate lead agency ... informed by a multidisciplinary team meeting that is held prior to the child's discharge**
- (5) **Engagement of the child's parents and immediate caregivers** in order to identify the **need for access to treatment for any substance use disorder or other physical or behavioral health condition** that may impact the safety, early childhood development and well-being of the child.

Work to Date

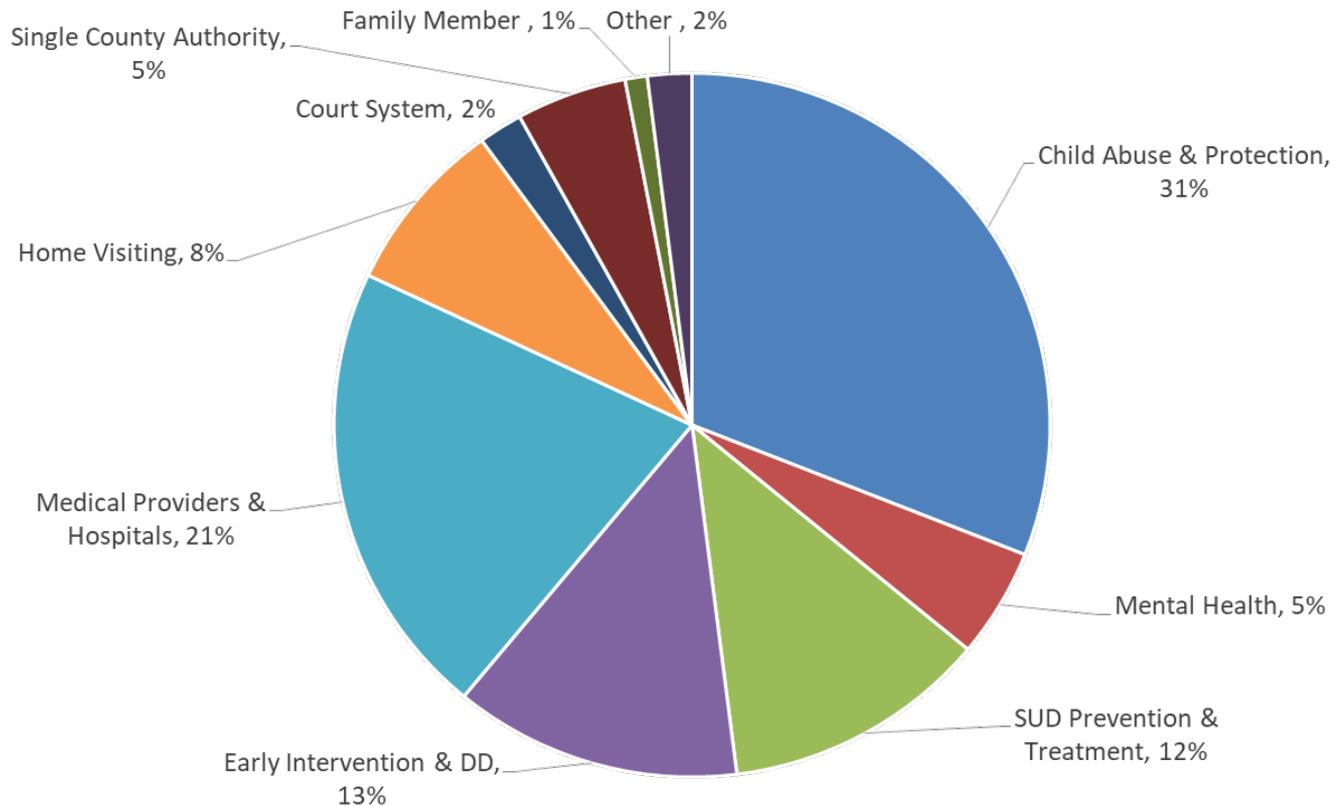
- Hospital surveys
 - Birthing hospitals (OBGYNs/Pediatricians)
 - Nurse Midwives
- Definitions
 - Appendix C
- PA Plan of Safe Care Guidance
 - Released March 2019
- Governor's Institute work sessions
 - 5 regional work sessions March – June 2019
- Webinars
 - GI & HAP
- Resource Account
 - RA-PWPLANSOFSAFECARE@pa.gov



Governor's Institutes

- 5 work sessions complete – Kalahari, Erie, Pittsburgh, Valley Forge and Harrisburg
- Teams were sent from all 67 counties (some teams worked as joinders)
- Nearly 500 participants (N=474) across a variety of areas of expertise
 - Child abuse & protection professionals – 31%
 - Medical providers/hospital professionals – 21%
 - SCAs/SUD Prevention & Treatment professionals – 17%
 - Early Intervention or Home Visiting professionals – 21%

Governor's Institutes



Governor's Institutes

- Gathering Feedback
 - Work session evaluations
 - Impact evaluation
- Impact Examples Received
 - Trained local pediatricians and hospital staff on new local procedures for Plans of Safe Care. The team used several of the Institute materials for the training.
 - The county planning team developed a Plan of Safe Care template for use in their county and are piloting it.
 - The county planning team is continuing to meet, and has expanded team to include the local OBGYN and the social worker from the hospital to help with planning the process.

Implementation Date Goal: January 1, 2020*

*May move due to CWIS system change ability



Work on Deck

- Updating Guidance Document
- Cross-system FAQs
- Companion Documents
 - Audience-specific one-pagers
 - Workflow
- Fall TA sessions (GI follow-up)
- Resource Account & Webpage build out
- Agency monitoring plans
- Changes to CWIS
- ChildLine Trainings
- Partnership with PQC

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▶ Thank you!

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