

# Maternal Addiction Resource Center (MARC)



Duke LifePoint Healthcare



# Objectives

- Purpose of the MARC program
- Services that the MARC program provides
- Initiatives that the MARC program participates in

“You long for someone to understand your pain and to tell you that you are not alone. I understand your pain. We understand your pain. YOU ARE NOT ALONE.”

-Jestine Mayes-CRS-MARC



MARC is currently staffed with a Program Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS), and three Patient Navigators.

# PATIENT NAVIGATOR

- MARC PATIENT NAVIGATORS MAKE REFERRALS. MONITOR COMPLIANCE, AND HELP NAVIGATE THE MANY ASPECTS OF RECOVERY AND PREGNANCY.

# CERTIFIED RECOVERY SPECIALIST-CRS

- THE MARC CERTIFIED RECOVERY SPECIALIST (CRS) PROVIDES SUPPORT TO THE PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM CLIENT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE AND WITH THE CREDIBILITY OF A PEER IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY.

# Training

- Pitt PERU-University of Pittsburgh, School of Pharmacy
  - SBIRT champion training-Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment

# Who are we serving?

- Pregnant & postpartum women with current substance use, or a history of substance use



# How does MARC work?

- Referrals
- Intake
- Follow Up
- Re-evaluation

# Connections

**Over 500 referrals made!**

**Over 250 occurrences of  
providing education on  
community resources and  
pregnancy!**

# Accomplishments

- Established a referral system with the Cambria County Prison
- Organized a mother and infant supply drive
- Identified opportunities to serve pregnant women presenting to the Emergency Department

# Community Awareness

- Participated in an interview with Forever Media's Connecting Hearts Program
- Appeared in WJAC interview
- Published an article in the Tribune Democrat's Coalition Corner



# Plans of Safe Care (POSC)

- Health care professionals are mandated by federal law to refer infants affected by substance abuse, withdrawal, or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders to develop a POSC, and state law requires notification to Childline.
- Notification triggers assessment that will guide the development of a POSC.

# POSC Regional Team

- Cambria County CYS, Bedford County CYS, Somerset CYS, the MARC Program, and Conemaugh Hospital have teamed together to lead POSC in this region.
- Committed to a multi-disciplinary approach to meet the needs of the infant and family.

# POSC Collaborations

- No single agency, organization, or professional can meet the unique needs of a mother, caregiver, or infant alone.
- Multi-disciplinary approach ensures that the level of service is consistent with the family's needs.



# **CELEBRATIONS!**



# Questions?