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The Colorado Department of Human Services, the Colorado Attorney General's Office, the Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force, and American Academy of Pediatrics – Colorado Chapter are honored to invite you to a **Substance Exposed Newborns Summit** hosted by Illuminate Colorado.

Substance use during pregnancy and the impacts on infants and children continues to be a top priority in the state of Colorado. According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, cases of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) have increased by 83% from 2010 to 2015 based on hospital discharge coding data, and according to the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, cases of NAS identified via Colorado Medicaid claims data increased by 91% from 2012 to 2016. In addition, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA) made important updates to the Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act (CAPTA) including removing the qualifier “illegal” in regard to substances affecting infants through prenatal exposures and requiring that a Plan of Safe Care address the needs of both the infant and the affected family member or caregiver.

The Substance Exposed Newborns Steering Committee, coordinated by Illuminate Colorado, along with 8 hospitals across 5 healthcare systems has engaged in a yearlong collaborative discussing multiple topics related to substance use and prenatal exposures – including verbal screening, newborn testing practices, treatment referrals, and collaboration with child welfare. Together, this collaborative drafted best practice recommendations in regards to these topics.

The Summit will be held on November 2, 2017 from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend. Attendance is limited to invitees or their designee only.

This summit is dedicated to gathering input on the recommended best practices and moving forward to impact practice. As a change maker in your field, we would be delighted to have you attend this summit and help build brighter childhoods for all Colorado children.

Please RSVP at <https://www.illuminatecolorado.org/sen-summit>. Questions may be directed to Emily White at Illuminate Colorado at ewhite@illuminatecolorado.org.

