



Opioid addiction and pregnancy: A mother speaks

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America's opioid epidemic has left no population unscathed, including mothers and infants. Babies born in withdrawal face lengthy, costly NICU stays. But treating their mothers often means overcoming social, economic, and psychological barriers.

One team of providers in Athens, Ohio has found a solution: a system of compassionate, wrap-around healthcare. Here is one young mother's story about her struggle with addiction, her resolve to recover, and how the doctors and nurses at OhioHealth O'Bleness Athens Medical Associates Obstetrics and Gynecology have earned her trust.

To learn more about this model of integrated care, and how it's being used to reduce the rate and cost of neonatal abstinence syndrome, read our profile of the Ohio MOMS Project.

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