

Colorado

Substance Exposed Newborns

Steering Committee

Engagement Opportunity: Inform the Priorities of Colorado's Substance Exposed Newborns Steering Committee

The work of the Colorado SEN Steering Committee, Family Advisory Board, and related Work Groups is at a transition point, and we are seeking additional stakeholder input to inform priorities for 2021 and beyond. Feedback is welcomed and encouraged from anyone interested! In particular, we'd love to hear from individuals with lived experience related to substance use and pregnancy, individuals who live and work in rural and other areas outside of the Denver Metro area, and professionals who support families impacted by substance use and pregnancy (i.e. those with affiliations with community-based services, behavioral healthcare, hospitals, outpatient physical healthcare, advocacy organizations, academic institutions, government agencies, etc.). **Family/community voice participation stipends are available**—please contact jsmith@illuminatecolorado.org if interested.

Register below for one of the townhalls to provide feedback.

- Thursday, December 3rd, 3-4pm: [Register here](#)
- Tuesday, December 8th, 1-2pm: [Register here](#)

If you cannot attend during either of the times offered above but would like to share feedback, please [fill out this brief form](#), and we will reach out to you separately.

About the SEN Steering Committee

Vision for Colorado

The Colorado SEN Steering Committee envisions a Colorado that equitably serves all families through prevention and reduction of substance use during pregnancy and provides multigenerational support for families to thrive.

The Committee's Mission

The Colorado SEN Steering Committee is tasked with identifying and implementing strategies for reducing the number of families impacted by substance use during pregnancy and for improving outcomes for families across the lifespan.

Statement on Equity

The Colorado Substance Exposed Newborns (SEN) Steering Committee acknowledges that systemic social, economic, and environmental inequities impact experiences and outcomes around substance use, pregnancy, and/or parenting. We also recognize that substance use is strongly correlated with individual, historical, and intergenerational trauma, as well as mental health conditions, toxic stress, sexual violence, and/or intimate partner violence. Thus, substance use during pregnancy and/or parenting must be understood in this broader context. To decrease inequities, systems, services, and policies must be trauma-informed, culturally-responsive, and serve individuals and families with dignity and respect.

Questions? Contact Jordan Smith at jsmith@illuminatecolorado.org for additional information.