

THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM PRESENTS

# THE OPIOID CRISIS: SUPPORTING WOMEN & FAMILIES

In the midst of a national and statewide opioid crisis, women and children are among those most directly impacted. Women have unique needs which are positively impacted by early intervention in the addictive process and increased connections to community based treatment and healthy recovery supports. This full day conference will provide in depth information regarding this population as well as explore opportunities to improve health outcomes through targeted interventions and strategies. Expert presenters will explore treatment outcomes while navigating barriers specific to women with substance use disorders including the use of medication assisted treatment. Through a strength based lens, workshops will identify ways to support women through pregnancy and the birth experience, increase dialogues around reproductive health, and fully integrate recovery supports within the treatment continuum.



**KEYNOTE - Ira J. Chasnoff, M.D.**, is an award-winning author, researcher and lecturer, and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago. He is one of the nation's leading researchers in the field of child development and the effects of prenatal drug exposure and post-natal trauma on the newborn infant, child, and adolescent. Dr. Chasnoff's most recent work focuses on community approaches to the integration of behavioral health services into schools and the other multiple systems that serve children and families. Dr. Chasnoff has served several U.S. presidential administrations on committees and commissions dedicated to organizing and coordinating services for children and families across the nation and developing policies and procedures for addressing the needs of children in the child welfare system who have been affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol and drugs or to early childhood trauma.

*Other presenters include:* **Jordana Frost, DrPH, MPH, CPH, CD(DONA)**, Director of Maternal Child Health and Government Affairs at the March of Dimes CT and RI; and **Sharon Morello RN, BSN**, Director of Professional Development at the Substance Use Mental Health Leadership Council of RI.

The *Women & Recovery Panel* will be moderated by **Rebecca Allen, MPH**, Director of Recovery Support Services for the CT Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR).

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