

# WYOMING PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER

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## Resources

### Postpartum Support International (PSI)

- Provider Line-PSI  
Perinatal Psychiatric  
Consult Line  
1-877-499-4773
- Wyoming Chapter  
Scholarship  
Opportunities- [Link to  
application.](#)

### CDC Hear Her Campaign (preventing maternal mortality)

- “One part of the solution  
is to really hear women's  
concerns during and after  
pregnancy.” (CDC)

## Contact Us

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## General Updates

### Wyoming Hospitals Prepare for MOMs+ Program to Improve Perinatal Addiction Care

Local birthing hospitals are taking a significant step towards improving care for pregnant and postpartum patients struggling with substance use disorders (SUDs). The most recently published statewide **MMRC report** showed that half of maternal deaths between 2018 and 2020 in Wyoming involved substance use. In collaboration with the Wyoming Perinatal Quality Collaborative (WyPQC), **The Naloxone Project**, and Stader Opioid Consultants, a comprehensive assessment of perinatal addiction treatment infrastructure in Wyoming birthing hospitals is underway. This crucial examination will lay the groundwork for the upcoming Maternal Overdose Matters Plus (MOMs+) pilot program, a quality improvement initiative designed to improve SUD screening rates, enhance care coordination, reduce risks associated with substance use during pregnancy, increase distribution of naloxone and improve maternal and infant health outcomes.

### Gap Analysis

The assessment involves a multifaceted approach, including a statewide environmental scan of current resources, in-depth discussions with hospital staff, and a needs assessment. Key findings from this initial phase will inform the development of a tailored MOMs+ pilot program for Wyoming birthing hospitals, addressing specific local needs and challenges.

### MOMs+ Program

The **MOMs+ program** was created in Colorado in 2023 and will expand to Wyoming in early 2025. The program builds upon the national **AIM patient safety bundle**, as well as the state **MMRC recommendations**, equipping birthing hospital clinicians with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively support perinatal patients with SUDs throughout their pregnancy and postpartum journey. The program is complementary to the work being done in Wyoming around plans of safe care (PoSC).

This collaboration between WyPQC, the MOMs+ program, and Wyoming birthing hospitals represents a vital step towards improving the health and well-being of birthing women and their babies across the state. If your hospital is interested in becoming a pilot site for the program, please reach out to Ellie Fearneyhough at [ellie.fearneyhough@wyo.gov](mailto:ellie.fearneyhough@wyo.gov).

### Evanston Regional Hospital

- The labor and delivery unit was closed on December 30, 2024, and will no longer offer its services.

### Wyoming Maternal Mortality Review Committee

- The **Wyoming MMRC** is splitting from the Utah-Wyoming Joint MMRC
- They will be holding their own meetings independent of Utah starting later this year

### Maternal Mental Health Hotline

Call 1-833-TLC-MAMA or visit the **National Maternal Mental Health Hotline** to talk to a counselor who will listen to you, connect you to local support groups, and refer you to other healthcare professionals