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Strategies for Addressing Parental Substance Use

 NATIONAL CONFERENCE *of* STATE LEGISLATURES

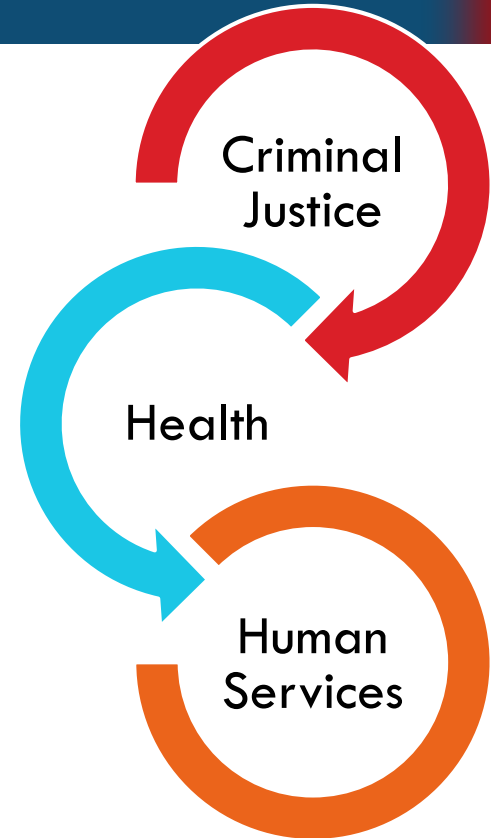
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What Are States Doing About It?

- Process so far has been to hop from one to the other





Human Services Response

- ❑ Now seeing the move to how all of this is impacting families and what to do about it
- ❑ Highest foster care caseloads in almost a decade
- ❑ Higher prevalence of children under age 1 in foster care
- ❑ Higher incidence of neonatal abstinence syndrome
- ❑ Federal Legislation
- ❑ State Legislation
- ❑ State and Local Programs





State Legislation

- During 2017 session, states have introduced more than 50 bills addressing:
 - Plans of Safe Care
 - Definitions of Child Abuse/Neglect to Include Substance Exposure
 - Designating Drug Exposed Children as CHINS/CHINA
 - Cross-System Collaboration/Communication/Task Forces
 - Programs to Address Expectant Mothers and Their Babies
 - Reporting of Substance Exposed Infants
 - Criminal Penalties for Child Endangerment
 - Funding
 - Establishment/Support of Specialty Courts
 - Testing/Assessment/Investigation of Substance Exposed Newborns
 - Awareness Education

State and Local Programs



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- ❑ Court-Based Programs
 - ❑ Family Drug Treatment Courts
 - ❑ Zero to Three Safe Baby Court Teams
- ❑ Treatment Programs for Mothers and Babies
 - ❑ Child and Recovering Mothers (CHARM) Collaborative
 - ❑ Lily's Place, West Virginia
- ❑ Family Based Approaches
 - ❑ Connecticut Family Stability Pay for Success Project
 - ❑ Ohio Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma (START)
- ❑ Regional Partnership Grants
- ❑ State legislatures have created special committees or task forces
- ❑ Lots of local programs, few statewide/to scale programs

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Questions?

