State Efforts for Women with SUD in Colorado

Amy Cooper, LPC
Women’s Services Coordinator
Special Connections

- Developed in 1992
- Combined effort between Medicaid and Colorado Department of Human Services
- Federal Waivered Program
- Measuring birth weight outcomes

Special Connections

- Mother’s Connection Campaign: [https://mothersconnection.com/](https://mothersconnection.com/)
Special Connections

• Program Challenges:
  • Eligibility limitations
  • Capacity

Peer Support Specialists/Navigators
Peer Support Specialists/Navigators

• Current use of peers has been increased in Colorado

• Peers are used in recovery efforts in addition to outreach and treatment

• STR Grant money was used for training and certification costs

Peer Support Specialists/Navigators

• Women’s services utilize peers to navigate systems (i.e. Childcare, TANF, sober housing, employment)

• Peers often help supplement Case Managers

• Sober living and community resources outside of state funded programs
Next Steps for Colorado: Efforts for the Future

Women in the Criminal Justice System
**Women in the CJS**

- Jail Based Behavioral Health Services (JBBS)
- Efforts to increase clinician access in county jails
- Improving efforts around MAT services for women and men in jails

**Child Care for Women in SUD Treatment**
Child Care for Women in Tx

- CCAP Prioritization
- Mobile Licensed Childcare
- Multi-provider operated childcare center