



WOMEN'S CHILDBIRTH ALTERNATIVES , RESOURCES, & EDUCATION (CARE) ACT

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WHAT IS THE WOMEN'S CARE ACT?

Specifically, this bill would end prison birth. WCA will eliminate the costs for housing, perinatal care, nutritional needs, high-risk pregnancies, and child placement. It eliminates costs for transportation to hospital, doctor visits, staff required to be at the hospital, and programming. It would eliminate the liability of correctional officers perpetuating harm by making decisions that can only be safely assessed by licensed healthcare providers, often leaving pregnant women to deliver babies alone and/or the death of the infant. It allows infant bonding critical to child development, family unification, and women autonomy of their pregnancy in a way that works for them.

WHY THE WOMEN'S CARE ACT?

The CARE Act is important due to the 700% increase in incarceration among women. This means America is seeing the most incarcerated pregnant women in history. Currently, America is the most dangerous developed country for women to give birth. Having pregnant women in prison only worsens those numbers. These unborn babies deserve a chance at a successful and healthy life and that is stripped from them when they are born in prisons and to shackled mothers. We must not punish the baby or entire communities in the process of incarcerating a mother.

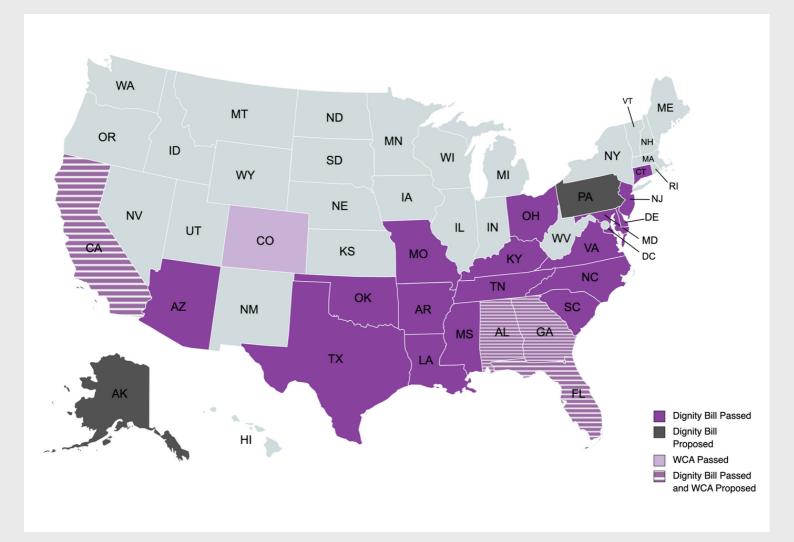
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DIGNITY BILL

The Women's CARE Act is the next step to the Dignity For Incarcerated Women's Act, as a result of poor implementation and lack of data. This bill will further the protection and safety of babies whose mothers are involved in the carceral system. Ensuring them adequate maternal care, proper nourishment, and family bonding for healthier life outcomes.



SUCCESSES

The Dignity For Incarcerated Women's Act has been passed in 22 states and is currently in process in 2 states. The Women's CARE Act has been passed in 1 state and is being introduced in 3 states this year.



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I WAS SIX WEEKS PREGNANT. ANYTIME I HAD TO BE TRANSPORTED I WAS CHAINED AT MY ANKLES WITH ANOTHER CHAIN AROUND MY WAIST THAT BOUND MY HANDS IN FRONT OF MY BELLY.

RESOURCES

GRAPHICS

Download and view graphics here.

CAPTIONS

Thousands of innocent babies across the United States are forced to endure punishment based on their mother's involvement with the carceral system. Help us end prison birth with the #WCA to give these unborn children the fair shot they deserve.

Every American is entitled to certain liberties according to the Constitution. Corrections facilities are violating these rights in their treatment of the unborn babies of incarcerated women. The Women's CARE Act restores autonomy to these babies and allow them the resources they need to survive. Join us in supporting the Women's CARE Act in [state]. #EndPrisonBirth #WCA

We need to show one of our most vulnerable and overlooked populations, infants and children that we care. The #WomensCAREact will do just that.

HASHTAGS

#WomensCAREact #weCARE #WCA #EndPrisonBirth #Dignity(StateAbbreviation) #DignityForIncarceratedWomen #NoShackles