

PRISON BIRTH ALTERNATIVES

RESTOREHER & BEYOND THE BARS

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They Threw Her Baby in the Trash

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that was normal in pregnancy.

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NO STANDARDS OF CARE

CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA

ALABAMA

Alabama county & local jails still shackle incarcerated pregnant women. They have little to no access to a doula or support system before, during, or after birth. Solitary confinement is widespread.

NEW YORK

The first state to allow facility nursery for new mothers to spend time with their child up to 30 months. They do not shackle their pregnant women or place them in long periods of solitary confinement.



INCREASE IN THE INCARCERATION OF WOMEN



700%



**THIS MEANS
SIGNIFICANTLY
MORE BABIES
BORN IN
CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES.**

Incarcerated pregnant women make up 3-5% of the overall incarcerated population.

PRISON BIRTH

KEY POINTS ON HOW
PRISON BIRTH AND
MATERNAL INCARCERATION
AFFECTS CHILDREN.

- Maternal absence leads to future behavioral problems like hostility and aggression.
- Absent linear growth (falling off the growth scale).
- Separation affects 'our ability to respond to stress and self-regulate our emotions or our ability to trust others and function in a group.'

Gender Inequities

Pregnant women experience a unique set of challenges while incarcerated. Largely, there is a lack of care and resources for women.

Here are some overarching issues that affect women in the system.

01

Education & Resources

Lack of prenatal education, postpartum counseling, or family planning, no prenatal or hormone medication, no nutritional value meals/supplements, and no obstetricians or perinatologists for emergencies and high risk.

02

Family & Children

Induced pregnancies, only 2 hours max with newborn babies, children are wardens of the state after 24hrs without a caregiver named, loss of parental rights, limited visitation, and detained 500+ miles away from family.

03

Subject to Trauma & Violence

Shackling, solitary confinement, squat and cough, strip searches, and viewed naked by male officers.

WHA

DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN?



Led by Pamela Winn, The Dignity Campaign seeks to restore safety and dignity to incarcerated pregnant women and their children. The Dignity Campaign includes advocacy for the passing of two state and federal policies. The Dignity For Incarcerated Women Act and Women's CARE Act. Currently, Dignity For Incarcerated Women Act has passed in 19 states and included in the federal legislation First Step Act.

THE DIGNITY CAMPAIGN

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THE WOMEN'S CARE ACT

THE FUTURE OF DIGNITY

HOUSE BILL 377 (GA)



- Collects data to better serve incarcerated pregnant women in the future.
- Administers pregnancy tests upon detention.
- Defers sentencing up to 6-12 weeks to end prison birth.

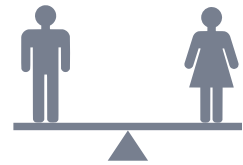


PRISON BIRTH MUST END

With the increased number of babies born behind bars, the lack of standardized care, also the adverse effect on children born and separated from their mothers at birth...we need a new solution.



**HAS THERE BEEN A
NEED TO INCARCERATE
PREGNANT WOMEN IN
THE PAST?**



**IS IT UNFAIR TO TREAT
WOMEN LIKE MEN IN A
SYSTEM BASED ON
MASCULINITY WITH NO
GENDER EQUITY
INCREASING HARM TO
PREGNANCY?**



**WHAT WOULD SAFETY
FOR INCARCERATED
PREGNANT WOMEN
LOOK LIKE?**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER



QUESTIONS

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

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