

**FACTORS TO GUIDE THE
PLAN OF SAFE CARE**

The following guide provides factors to guide the assessment for a Plan of Safe Care per PPM 2050.
Nature and extent of the effects of the prenatal substance use.
Infant's medical condition and any current or any ongoing health care needs, or need for frequent monitoring (medications, specialized equipment).
The nature and extent of the mother/father's substance abuse.
Extent to which the mother and father are responsive to the infant's needs and bonding with the infant.
History of prenatal care and preparation for the care of the infant.
Extent or history of domestic violence, mental illness or cognitive limitations.
Extent to which the mother and father are involved with and capable of providing for and meeting the needs of the infant.
Nature and extent of the impact of the substance use on the mother or father's abilities to provide for the safety and well-being of the infant.
Nature and extent of the parents' family and social support system.
History of previous treatment for mother and father; response to treatment.
Caregiver Protective Capacity
Parents' level of cooperation with any referrals for services, such as, substance use treatment (if indicated) or assistance/training in care of a newborn.

