

PREGNANCY AND INCARCERATION

Kentuckians who are incarcerated and pregnant deserve access to the necessary resources to have safe and healthy pregnancies.

THE PROBLEM:

Pregnant incarcerated people face unique challenges. Women are the fastest growing incarcerated population in Kentucky, making this more pressing than ever.

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KY has the third-highest women's incarceration rate

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KY has the second-highest rate of children with an incarcerated parent

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Black women are incarcerated at twice the rate of white women nationally

THE SOLUTION: DIGNITY BILL PART 2 (SB 84)

Senate Bill 84, sponsored by Senator Julie Raque Adams and known as “Dignity Bill Part 2,” builds on the first “Dignity Bill” passed in 2018. It would ensure pregnant incarcerated people have the tools for healthy, safe pregnancies by:

- Providing 6 weeks of post-partum care
- Ending solitary confinement during pregnancy and in the post-partum period
- Expanding pregnancy medical release to include community-based treatment for substance use disorder where people who just gave can bond with their children and keep their families together
- Requiring the Department of Corrections to gather and publish on the Legislative Research Commission's website data on solitary confinement, including the person's age, gender, ethnicity, reason for being placed in solitary, and date in/date out
- Providing social workers who can work with incarcerated people to determine care for