



CARE: Compassion & Reproductive Equity S7132a/A7630a

Ensuring safety for babies and incarcerated pregnant or postpartum mothers

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The CARE Act Would:

- support mother-baby bonding while incarcerated
- require basic standards of pre and postnatal care for pregnant incarcerated individuals
- ensure positive outcomes for babies who will be allowed to remain with their mother following birth
- support nurses working to ensure babies have the healthiest start to life
- institute universal science-based standard conditions for parent-baby bonding

The most critical stage of brain development occurs in the womb and continues post-birth through the first year of life.

Studies show that infants who have the opportunity to bond with their parents are far less likely to suffer physical health challenges and are more likely to develop physical and cognitive resilience as a result of this critical bonding period.

