

## **Medical Issues Relating to Domestic Adoption**

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This workshop will focus on issues relating to some of the medical risks prospective parents may encounter when matching with a birth mother - drug exposure, infections, chronic medical conditions, social characteristics, etc.

### **Pregnancy Features**

-Small for Gestational Age

-Microcephaly

-Prematurity

### **Teratogens (an agent or factor which causes malformation of an embryo)**

-Alcohol

-Cigarettes

-Marijuana

-Depressants/Anxiolytics/Sleep aids

-Stimulants (Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Amphetamine, Ritalin, Adderall, Concerta, Ecstasy, Molly, MDMA)

-Opiates (Heroin, Codeine, Methadone, Subutex, Suboxone, Vicodin, Percocet, Oxycodone, Dilaudid, Fentanyl)

### **Infection**

-HIV

-Hepatitis B

-Hepatitis C

### **Mental Health Issues**

-Depression with/without medications

-Anxiety with/ without medications

-Bipolar (severe mood swings) with/ without medications

-Schizophrenia with/without medications

### **Maternal Social Issues**

-Sexually Assaulted

-Incest

-Incarcerated

