

2024 WAPC ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, WAPC demonstrated our commitment to advancing perinatal health through impactful statewide programs, provider education, and system-level improvement. We have made meaningful progress toward better outcomes for WI birthing people, infants, and families by connecting perinatal professionals, enhancing care coordination between hospitals, and delivering high-quality learning opportunities.

WisPQC SUBSTANCE USE INITIATIVE

Through the WisPQC SUD initiative, WAPC supported **20 hospitals** to improve screening, counseling, and referral practices for birthing people affected by substance use, resulting in substantial improvements in care coordination.

Timeline

The collaborative runs until May 2025, with active participation from hospitals through October 2024.

Goals

The collaborative is designed to make measurable improvements in care through three goals:

- **Universal Screening:** Increase the percentage of pregnant and postpartum patients screened for SUDs by 60%.
- **Referral to Treatment:** Ensure that 80% of those screening positive are referred to recovery services and treatment.

- **Resource Sharing:** Expect that 90% of participating hospitals will provide a comprehensive list of local recovery resources to patients and hospital teams.



19,842

Perinatal substance use disorder screenings completed.



66%

increase in patients screened for SUD.*



90%

of positive screenings were referred to treatment services.*



84%

of hospitals distributed recovery resources.*

RISK-APPROPRIATE CARE

WAPC supported **47 hospitals** in completing the Centers for Disease Control's LOCATe assessment to evaluate maternal and neonatal care levels across the state data, which will shape Wisconsin's 2025 Levels of Care designation program pilot.

Findings

Barriers to participating in LOCATe include capacity, staffing shortages, existing assessments, and lack of perceived benefit.

55% of WI hospitals completed LOCATe.

39% had maternal level discrepancies

24% had neonatal level discrepancies

Next Steps

WAPC has provided results to hospitals and submitted results to the CDC, strengthening our partnership.

EDUCATION

We engaged perinatal professionals through webinars and our annual Wisconsin Perinatal Conference, creating space for knowledge-sharing, peer connection, and continuing education.

Education Webinars

34
webinars hosted

864
webinar participants

Wisconsin Perinatal Conference

128
Attendees

24
breakout sessions

46
breakout speakers

34
poster boards

