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Pump & Pick Up of Breastmilk in County Jails

Implementation of AB 2507
Partners

- ACLU of Southern California
- Legal Services for Prisoners with Children
- Center for Policing Equity, UCLA
- Whole Person Care, LA County Department of Public Health
- UCLA Med

- Santa Clara WIC Program
- Sutter County WIC Program
- BreastfeedLA
- UCSD School of Med Center for Community Health
- County of Monterey, Office of Jane Parker
GOALS

to ensure that the law is being implemented with the consideration of best practices to support lactating people who are incarcerated

to provide you, the breastfeeding advocate, with tools as you start to build relationships with your county sheriffs and counsels
Agenda

- Overview of the Law
- Overview of the Toolkit
- Framing and De-stigmatizing Lactation or Breastfeeding
- Example of Implementation
- Discussion and Questions
UNDERSTANDING THE LAW
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IN JAILS + PRISONS

• CA jails and prisons must provide:
  – Necessary reproductive health care
  – Information and education on repro health topics
  – Protection from sexual assault
  – Pregnancy-related accommodations
• Currently, law is clearer on stronger about prisons than jails.
• We know what is required is not often provided, per people’s lived experiences.
BEFORE AB 2507

- Patchwork of laws
  - Required jails to allow expression of breastmilk, but not for delivery to the child.
- Common sense to connect the dots.
- Centering the voices of those most impacted -> strong desire to deliver milk.

Pumping breast milk from behind bars? LA County jails launch lactation pilot program - MyNewsLA.com
A 19-year-old woman jailed for identity theft gave birth to a son on Sunday at the Century Regional Detention facility in Inglewood, where she is participating in a...
MYNEWSLA.COM
AB 2507

- Sponsored by Assemblyman Reggie Jones-Sawyer in 2018
  - Passed + signed into law!
- This law lives in California Penal Code § 4002.5
- Bill requires that by January 2020, all county jails:
  - “…develop and implement an infant and toddler breast milk feeding policy for lactating inmates detained in or sentenced to a county jail. The policy shall be based on currently accepted best practices.”
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• The policy must include:
  – (1) Procedures for providing medically appropriate support and care related to the cessation of lactation or weaning.
  – (2) Procedures providing for human milk expression, disposal, and same-day storage for later retrieval and delivery to an infant or toddler by an approved person, at the option of the lactating inmate and with the approval of the facility administrator.
  – (3) Procedures for conditioning an inmate’s participation in the program upon the inmate undergoing drug screening.

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- The lactation policy must be posted in all locations in the jail where medical care is provided and the provisions of the policy shall be communicated to all staff persons who interact with or oversee pregnant or lactating inmates.
- This law applies without regard to whether the jail is operated pursuant to a contract with a private contractor and without regard to whether the inmate has been charged with or convicted of a crime.

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RESOURCES IN PROGRESS

• Template outreach email to Sheriff/ County Counsel
• Toolkit:
  – Model policy + procedures for implementation
  – Sample program intake form
  – Educational documents
    • for carceral and medical staff
    • for hospital staff
    • for incarcerated folks
      – Know Your Rights resource (e.g. booklet)
      – Know Your Rights poster (as notice is to be posted)
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Case Study

Tina Lavy
Sutter County Jail Medical Services
Policy and Procedures - 2013

Lactation Accommodation and Support

Commitment and Transfer of Breastmilk
Lactation Accommodation and Support

Protocol is to be initiated for all lactating women who are booked and not immediately released.

Discuss with patient her options regarding the maintenance of lactation while incarcerated.

Instruct the patient in expression of breastmilk

Prepare a “Communication of Patient’s Health Needs” form - write “lactating mother”

Make an appointment with an RN who has had training by the lactation consultant within 24 hours or the nurse practitioner for check on status.

Any health intervention requires the initiation of a medical record
Commitment and Transfer of Breastmilk

Caregivers must provide the names of those persons who will be picking up the milk each day.

Persons picking up the milk must provide a photo ID to jail custody officer.

Where and when to pick up milk:

Signed agreement between caregiver/guardian and jail medical staff manager.

Milk Storage and Preparation based on WIC guidelines.
POLICY: It is the policy of the XXXXXX Public Health Division’s (XXPHD) Jail Medical Services (JMS) program to provide outpatient services to XXXXXX County Jail inmates and to provide support for lactating mothers who are booked within the limitations of the jail environment and length of incarceration.

Importance of maintenance of lactation for breastfeeding mothers

Breast milk is the best food source for infants and is recommended for infants for at least one year after birth.

Breastfeeding supports the mother-child bond and enhances the mother’s motivation to care for her child and to stay out of the correctional system.

Limitations of the jail environment relating to lactating women

Due to current structural limitations of the XXXXXX County Jail, there is no certainty of privacy for a woman who wishes to express breast milk to maintain lactation.

There is no availability of breast pumps or the ability to properly maintain them in the jail environment at XXXXXX County Jail. (this has changed and they now have hand pumps)

There is no refrigeration or freezer available for safe storage of breast milk at the XXXXXX County Jail.

Goals in supporting lactating women in the XXXXX County Jail

- Maintenance of lactation for women who are expected to be in the Jail for a short time and wish to maintain lactation
- Assistance with management of cessation of lactation for women who are expected to be incarcerated for longer than they can manage maintenance of lactation
- Assistance with management of cessation of lactation for women who wish to stop lactation.
Public Health Division

Jail Medical Services
Commitment for Transfer of Breastmilk

County Jail Medical Services recognizes the importance of breastmilk for babies in giving them a healthy start in life. When a breastfeeding mom is incarcerated, County Jail Medical Services tries to support a mom and the caregiver of the baby in their efforts to maintain the supply of breastmilk to the baby. This requires commitment and work by both the breastfeeding mom and the caregivers of the baby.

The following two factors are absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the baby's breastmilk supply:
- The consistent efforts of the mom to pump her milk on schedule and protect the breastmilk from contamination.
- The commitment and consistency of the caregivers of the baby to come to the Jail and pick up the breastmilk every day at the same time of day.

Continuation of support for breastmilk for the baby also depends on the ability to maintain the breastfeeding support in the Jail setting and sometimes that may be factors beyond the control of Jail Medical Services that will necessitate the discontinuation of breastmilk pumping.

Instructions
Caregivers of the baby must provide to the Jail Medical Services the names of the persons who will come to the Jail to pick up the breastmilk every day, to a maximum of three names.

When the breastmilk is picked up, the person must be prepared to show picture ID to the Custody Officer.

To pick up the breastmilk, go to the window in the Jail lobby and identify yourself and state that you have come to pick up the breastmilk for the baby and give the name of the mother.

Keep the breastmilk in the refrigerator until used. Do not store more than 5 days. Discard any breastmilk not used within 5 days.

If you have questions or need to make changes in arrangements, please phone the County Jail at and ask for the Jail Medical Clinic.

Agreement
I understand the information provided and what is required of the caregivers to enable breastmilk to be provided to the infant. I understand that the breastmilk must be picked up consistently and on time.

Name of the Infant:
The persons/relationship who will pick up the breast milk are:
1) ____________________________________________________________
2) ____________________________________________________________
3) ____________________________________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Infant: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Signature of JMS Staff Member: ____________________________ Date: ____________

The time each day at which the breastmilk will be picked up:
Parent/guardian name: _________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Caregiver name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
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