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MDCH OVERVIEW, NICK LYON, DIRECTOR MDCH
"THE BEST WAY TO REDUCE THE PRISON POPULATION IS THROUGH PROPER PRENATAL CARE"
DENNIS SCRANTZ, FORMER MI DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO HEALTH POLICY? THE ANSWER SHOULD BE OBVIOUS. THE FUTURES OF THE LIVES OF OUR MOST VULNERBLE CITIZENS, THE UNBORN, ARE AT RISK. SEVENTY PERCENT OF FOSTER CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED BY PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE. 'IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN' IS A STRATEGIC PRIORITY FOR MDCH. THE ISSUE OF REDUCING PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE, RARELY, IF EVER, IS SPOKEN ABOUT BY THE GOVERNOR, MDCH OR DHS. WHY?

PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF COGNITIVE DISABILITIES IN NORTH AMERICA. I ASK ONCE AGAIN: WHY IS IT NOT PRIORITY #1?

MDCH/DHS DIRECTOR NICK LYON SAYS: "WE FOCUS ON PREVENTION". IF TRUE, WHY IS THERE NOT AN 'ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR PREGNANT WOMEN' IN MICHIGAN?

WHEN ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A MICHIGAN CALL FOR ACTION TO DEAL WITH REDUCING PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE AND HELPING THOSE AFFECTED WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS (FASD)?

PRESSING ON, WITH UNWAVERING FAITH,