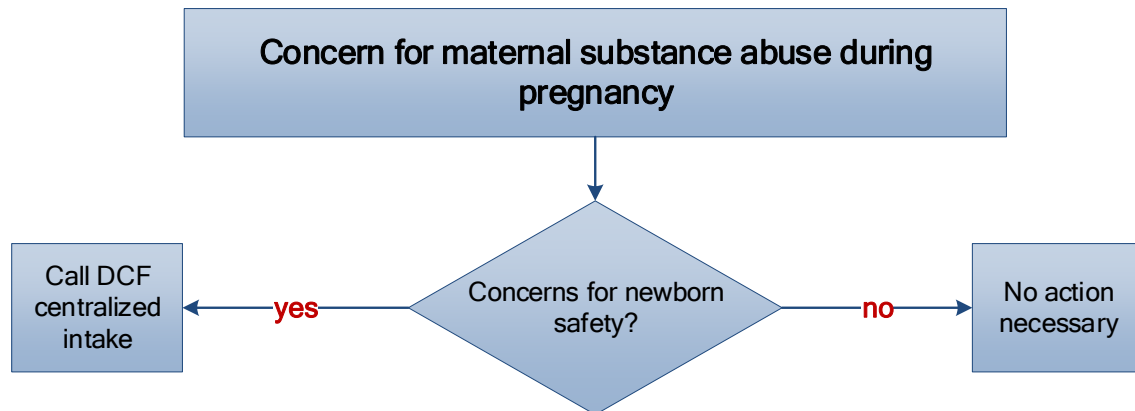


# Vermont Requirements Related to Substance Exposed Newborns (Revised 01/22/18)



## DCF's Prenatal report acceptance criteria:

- A medical professional certifies or the mother admits to use of illegal substances use of non-prescribed prescription medication, or non-medical use or misuse of prescription medication during the last trimester of her pregnancy.
- When there is an allegation that there is likely to be a serious threat to a child's health or safety due to the mother's substance abuse during pregnancy, intervention before a child's birth may assist the family to remediate the issues and avoid the need for DCF custody after the birth.
- **DCF Family Services does not intervene in situations in which the sole concern is the pregnant woman's use of marijuana**

Assessments may begin approximately one month before the due date or sooner if medical findings indicate that the mother may deliver early.

DCF will assess child safety and engage mother/parents in the development of a Plan of Safe Care.