

§ 148-25.5. Training and technical assistance.

(a) Correctional Facility Employee Training. – The Department of Public Safety shall develop, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, Divisions of Public Health and Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and shall provide to all State prison employees who have significant regular contact with pregnant female incarcerated persons training related to the physical and mental health of pregnant female incarcerated persons and fetuses, including:

- (1) General care of pregnant women.
- (2) The impact of restraints on pregnant female incarcerated persons and fetuses.
- (3) The impact of being placed in restrictive housing on pregnant female incarcerated persons.
- (4) The impact of body cavity searches on pregnant female incarcerated persons.

Training materials and curricula developed pursuant to this subsection shall be made available to administrators of local confinement facilities.

(b) Educational Programming for Pregnant Female Incarcerated Persons. – The Department of Public Safety shall develop and provide educational programming to pregnant female incarcerated persons held in State prisons related to:

- (1) Prenatal care.
- (2) Pregnancy-specific hygiene.
- (3) Parenting skills.
- (4) The impact of alcohol and drugs on the fetus.
- (5) General health of children.

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