



Oklahoma Legislation:

In the 2012 legislative session the Oklahoma Legislature passed HB 2251 and on April 18th, 2012 Governor Fallin signed it into law. HB 2251 modified Title 10-A. Title 10-A puts forth protocol regarding child abuse and neglect. HB 2251 added the definition for a drug endangered child.

According to HB2251 § 1-1-105. 22, "Drug-endangered child" means a child who is at risk of suffering physical, psychological or sexual harm as a result of the use, possession, distribution, manufacture or cultivation of controlled substances, or the attempt of any of these acts, by a person responsible for the health, safety or welfare of the child, as defined in paragraph 51 of this section. This term includes circumstances wherein the substance abuse of the person responsible for the health, safety or welfare of the child interferes with that person's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment for the child. The term also includes newborns who test positive for a controlled dangerous substance, with the exception of those substances administered under the care of a physician."