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## Perinatal Care in Carceral Settings

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Cody is a passionate advocate for health care equity across socioeconomic status, race, sex and gender.

Their research focuses on bioethical and policy issues in law and medicine, with special attention to mental health, reproductive justice, and LGBTQIA+ issues.

Outside of work, Cody loves exploring Houston's vibrant music and arts scenes with their wife Bobbye.

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### What is a common misunderstanding or myth about your speaking topic that you'd like to dispel?

Despite having the highest incarceration rate of women in the world, the U.S. criminal justice system routinely fails to meet the gender-specific needs of women and people assigned female at birth.

**"You are not entitled to your opinion.  
You are entitled to your informed opinion.  
No one is entitled to be ignorant."**

- Harlan Ellison (1934-2018)



## Resources:

- The Sentencing Project [www.sentencingproject.org/issues/women](http://www.sentencingproject.org/issues/women)
- Article: Stigma and US Nurses' Intentions to Provide the Standard of Maternal Care to Incarcerated Women, 2017  
<https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/10.2105/AJPH.2019.305408>
- If/When/How ISSUE BRIEF: Reproductive Justice in the Prison System  
[www.ifwhenhow.org/resources/reproductive-justice-in-the-prison-system](http://www.ifwhenhow.org/resources/reproductive-justice-in-the-prison-system)