

## My Feelings Matter

Many people experience emotional changes during and after pregnancy. You are not alone. These feelings are valid, and **support is available**. With help, you can feel like yourself again.

Here are some ways to start the conversation with your provider:

I am pregnant or have been pregnant in the last year, and...

I feel hopeless and have little interest in things I have always enjoyed.

Can you help me with these feelings?

I feel like a failure as a mother because I am not connected to my baby.

Should I be concerned?

I don't really know how to explain what I'm feeling, but I know something's not right. Can we talk about my feelings?

## **Healthcare Provider:**

Perinatal mood or anxiety disorders are common, affecting 1 in 5 pregnant or postpartum women. Your role is essential in identifying and supporting those who may be struggling. You don't need to be a specialist to make a difference. Your care and compassion can make a lasting impact.

## What You Can Do

- **Listen** without judgement
- <u>Screen</u> for signs and symptoms of perinatal mood disorders
- · Assess patient's emotional wellbeing
- <u>Treat</u> or refer based on your findings and comfort

## **Need Support?**

Call PEACE for MOMS at 470-933-2233

**PEACE for MOMS** is Georgia's Perinatal Psychiatry access program. We offer free clinician

to clinician consultations for diagnosis, medication management, treatment planning, and finding resources.

