

New hope for heroin babies

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Heroin is sweeping across the country and there's no end in sight.

Four to seven newborn babies with addiction head to the neonatal intensive care unit each day at Dayton Children's Hospital.

"When they're born and the umbilical cord is cut, the babies source of drug is immediately removed," said Lisa Jasin, nurse practitioner at Dayton Children's Hospital.

Jasin says these babies are born neonatal abstinence syndrome, also known as N.A.S.

There's a video that's gone viral of a little baby's foot that just continually trembles. That's probably one of the most distressing things that we see," said Jasin.

There's a non-profit called Brigid's Path, planning to open in early 2017.

"We knew there was a need in the community, and if we didn't fill it, who?" said executive director and co-founder of Brigid's Path, Jill Kingston.

Kingston is the mother of four children and fosters a baby born with addiction.



Brigid's Path is an organization that will help babies born addicted. It plans to open in early 2017.

"She tested positive for heroin and cocaine," Kingston said.

Brigid's path will be a 12,000 square foot, multi-million dollar facility and will serve as a temporary home for two-dozen drug-addicted babies when they're released from the hospital.

Local mothers of N.A.S. babies hope the problem gets better, not worse, and Brigid's Path is a good start.

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