



The Empowerment Project

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

When a child is abused – physically, mentally, or sexually, the strength and support of their journey through the criminal justice system and their pathway to healing should not depend on where they live. But in Mississippi, it largely has because there has been no uniform best practice guide to help the professionals who work with child abuse victims.

Now that is changing. Last month, [I announced Mississippi's first Statewide Protocol for Child Abuse Response](#), a collaborative effort with the Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi, as well as prosecutors, courts, and law enforcement.

This new protocol will help ensure uniformity and quality in that the way we investigate and prosecute child abuse cases, as well as how we care for the mental, emotional, and physical needs of the young victim. This is more than just a document. It is a symbol of our commitment — to protect, to heal, to bring justice. It is a promise that no child will be overlooked.

While the protocol is meant for the professionals who work with child abuse victims, everyone can help put an end to child abuse. Visit www.AttorneyGeneralLynnFitch.com/cac for tips to prevent child abuse and save a child.

May God Bless You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Fitch".

PS- Don't forget to [register for the Second Annual Mississippi Women's Summit](#), September 8-9 at The Refuge Hotel and Conference Center in Flowood, Mississippi. Our room block with a special nightly rate of \$169 is open, too. You can click [here](#) to make your reservation or call 601-936-4550 and use the mini code: **WS9**. This event is free and space is limited so register today!

WHAT WE'RE READING



WDSU- Slidell makes history, becoming home for the state's first Safe Haven Baby Box

A milestone moment in Louisiana's history unfolded Tuesday as the state's first Safe Haven Baby Box was unveiled at a St. Tammany Parish fire station.

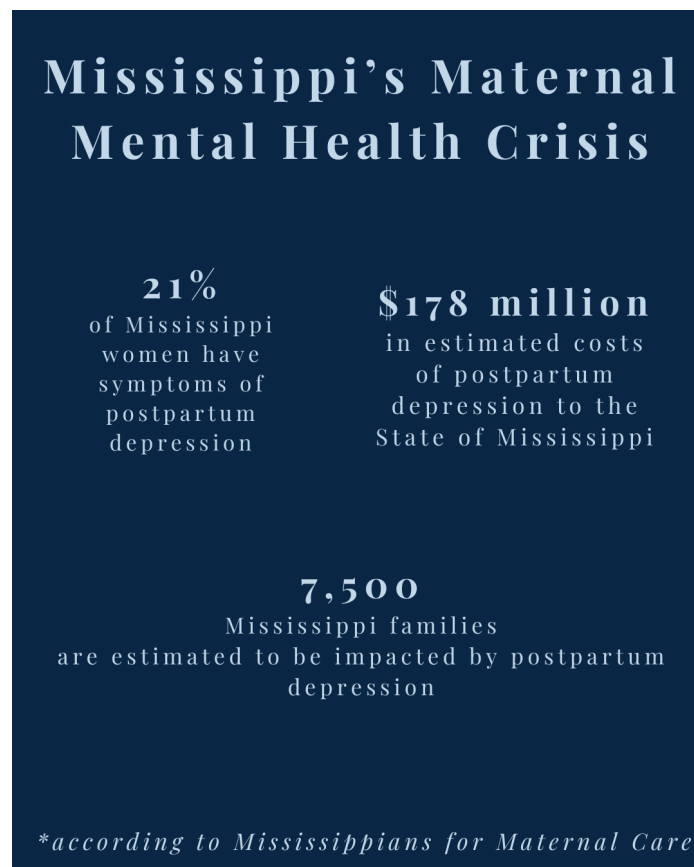
The new device, installed outside St. Tammany Fire Station 11, is more than a metal box built into a wall — for some, it could be the difference between life and death.

KPCW- Wasatch County School District adds paid time off for new parents

District employees will soon be eligible for up to six weeks of paid parental leave under a recent change to Utah law.

S.B. 119, passed in the most recent legislative session, requires school districts to adopt parental leave policies equal to or more generous than the policy for state government employees by July 1.

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May is Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month. Share this graphic on your



ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

WAPT- Attorney General Lynn Fitch honors crime victim advocates

"No one signed up to be a victim. No one signed up to be a part of a crime that happened to them that's personally affected their lives and now changed everything about their daily lives. So we do need to stop and say thank you to all these organizations," **said Fitch.**

Darkhorse Press - AG Lynn Fitch Leads Bipartisan Multistate Letter Seeking Better Federal-State Cooperation to End Human Trafficking

"Local law enforcement needs third-party tips to end trafficking and help its victims," **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch.** "Polaris' refusal to share this vital intelligence has severely impacted the value of the National Hotline for victims of human trafficking. As the Hotline award comes up for review, we need the Department of Health and Human Services to be our partner in restoring this function of the Hotline so we do not lose one more person due to this gap in reporting."

Supertalk- Memphis man sentenced for human trafficking in Mississippi

"We are committed to continuing our investigative operations to undermine human trafficking rings, and we are intent on seeing these cases through in the courtroom," **Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch** said after Coleman's sentencing. "When we put these predators away, we help these victims take back their power from their traffickers, and that is an important foundation as they rebuild their lives."

Darkhorse Press- AG Fitch Secures Temporary Restraining Order to Protect Mississippi's Independent Pharmacies

General Fitch made the following statement: "For years, Mississippi's independent pharmacies have been forced to take artificially low reimbursements because the PBMs have used their influence and leverage to effectively force non-negotiable contracts on them. These small business owners are already operating on razor-thin profit margins and this unfair PBM practice, especially when coupled by fees levied by GoodRx, often means they spend more to fill a prescription than they make on it. Ultimately, they're having to shutter their businesses, leaving Mississippians, especially those in rural areas, with few options as they seek medical care.

This is wrong. And it is against Mississippi law. Mississippi is fighting back and we achieved an important victory.

I am proud to stand beside our independent pharmacists and will continue to work to prevent PBMs from taking advantage of Mississippians and compromising your care."

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