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From Insight to Action:

Mapping Kansas' Perinatal SUD System for Maternal Mortality Prevention

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Substance use disorders (SUDs), mental health conditions and intimate partner violence (IPV) often intersect during the pregnancy and postpartum period.

Maternal mortality prevention requires more than identifying risk. It requires coordinated systems that help people move from screening to support, treatment, safety and sustained postpartum care.

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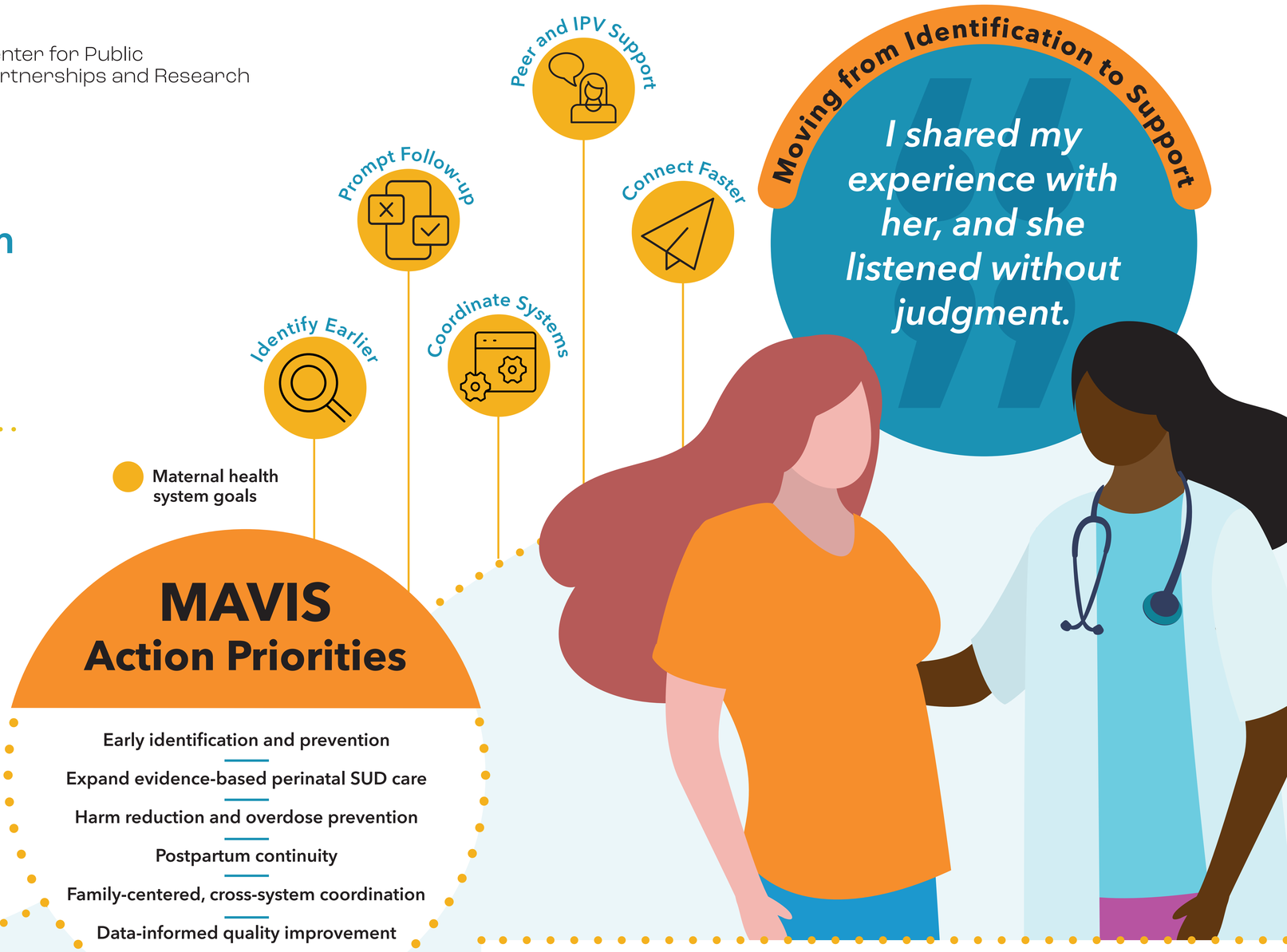

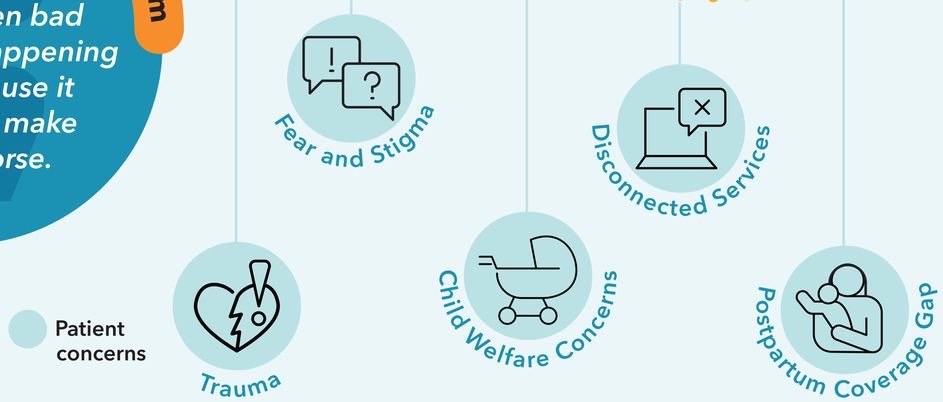

Why It Matters for Maternal Mortality Prevention

SUD-related maternal deaths are often connected to missed opportunities before, during and after pregnancy. Public health and MCH systems can reduce preventable deaths by strengthening the points where mothers fall through gaps in systems of care.

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