How does maternal depression affect mom?

Maternal Depression Group

Effects on mothers

- Mothers or the birthing people must experience the symptoms of maternal depression
 Excessive crying, loss of interest, poor fetal attachment
- Additionally, birthing people must face the stigma that comes from experiencing maternal depression.

Stigma

- Many people hesitate to seek treatment for maternal depression because of a fear of admitting that they have a problem, a fear of what a depression diagnosis will mean for their children, and a fear of medication.
- Have you ever experienced stigma around maternal depression?



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