

## Drug Types and Their Effects

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During preparation to care for drug-exposed infants, it is helpful to be familiar with drug categories. Following is a drug primer by classification, including their common names:

CATEGORY NAME	SPECIFIC DRUGS	DRUG EFFECTS
Stimulants	Amphetamines, cocaine, crack, tobacco	Increase the activity of the heart and provide temporary sense of well being
Hallucinogens	Marijuana, LSD, PCP, peyote/mescaline	Excite the brain with resulting mood changes and even short-term psychosis
Depressants	Alcohol, barbiturates, tranquilizers, qualudes	Act on the central nervous system to produce euphoria and drowsiness
Inhalants	Glue, nail, polish remover, gasoline	Provide a brief feeling of euphoria
Opiates	Heroin, Methadone, Opium	Reduce the sensation of pain and give a feeling of well being
Psychotropic prescription drugs for psychiatric disorders	Haloperidol, Chlorpromazine, Thioridazine	Treat emotional, mental and metabolic disorders
Opioid prescription drugs	Morphine, Oxycodone, OxyCotin, Vicodin	Relieve pain