‘Players and Perspectives’ Research Checklist [Example]

Direct your research by brainstorming different voices surrounding your topic. Check the box when you have found at least one source that accurately represents the viewpoint.

My topic is: illicit drug use during pregnancy

☑ Player/Perspective: medical community – opinions on mandatory reporting laws/ethics, patient confidentiality, post birth care for baby- withdrawals
Research Plan: Look at medical journals for doctor opinions (library databases), medical association statements (general web), possible interview with NICU nurse from hospital

☑ Player/Perspective: social workers – drug use as child abuse? Foster system?

☑ Player/Perspective: law enforcement – incarceration/jails/prison
Research Plan: Newspaper articles on arrests, facilities. Find statements from officers, staff at correctional facilities. (library databases or general web) Care guidelines/standards for jailed women

☑ Player/Perspective: court system – judges’ rulings
Research Plan: court cases (library Westlaw database), legal journals. Legal definitions of child abuse, mandatory care, rights of mother/fetus, convictions? Non-convictions?

☐ Player/Perspective: state legislation – laws/bills/proposed legislation
Research Plan: Start with newspapers to get search ideas (general web), move to state websites (web.gov) for official records, laws- current laws on the books

☑ Player/Perspective: public health educators (high school? PSAs?)
Research Plan: Look for national advocacy groups (web.org sites), federal programs through SAMHSA? (web.gov)
Player/Perspective: treatment facilities – public (state funded)/private
Research Plan: State funded facilities list (web .gov), private treatment facilities – outpatient, residential, medication based, counseling based (general web)

Player/Perspective: families/support systems of those affected – relational aspects of healthcare
Research Plan: Newspapers – special interest stories (library databases), (books) – biographies, interviews