Newborns treated for drug addiction in Florida grew more than 173 percent for the 3 years ending 2009, and it’s not slowing down. Today, prescription drugs are largely the culprit, not cocaine as in years past. For the first half of 2010, over 600 Florida babies were tortured with this condition, exceeding the 2009 rate. The newborns experience extreme discomfort and are too difficult for many parents to manage, so hospitals are keeping some addicted babies for at least four weeks to gradually wean them off drugs. Florida has not implemented a prescription drug monitoring program, a policy solution adopted by 42 states to reduce the misuse of prescription drugs, and plans to institute a program in 2011 have now been waylaid. Another approach, cracking down on “pill mills,” has been discussed but is still not implemented, and the results are affecting other states like Kentucky. Like the neonatal nurse in the article above says, “Why isn't somebody doing something about this?”