



The Florida Prenatal Screen

# FAQs FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

As of July 2024, the Florida Prenatal Screen is available in a new, modern digital format. Access the new digital version of the screen by registering your facility at:

[PrenatalScreenApp.FloridaHealth.gov/Register](https://PrenatalScreenApp.FloridaHealth.gov/Register)

## Q: What is the Florida Prenatal Screen?

The Florida Prenatal Screen identifies pregnant women who may benefit from home visiting programs to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes. The screen is provided digitally through the Florida Department of Health and requires the mother's consent before it can be processed (see page 2 for more details).

## Q: What are health care providers required to do?

According to section 383.148, Florida Statutes, Florida health care providers are required to complete the prenatal screen at every pregnant woman's initial prenatal visit.

## Q: What do pregnant moms need to know about the prenatal screen?

It is important for pregnant moms to complete the prenatal screen. Encourage their completion by sharing the prenatal screen benefits:

- The screen is easy to complete.
- The screen provides access to helpful home visiting support during and after pregnancy.
- The screen can help identify opportunities to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes.

## Q: How do health care providers access the digital screen?

Register your facility with an online account today at:

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## NEED HELP?

Access Resources to Set Up Your Facility's Account:

- **To Access The Provider User Manual:**  
[PrenatalScreenApp.FloridaHealth.gov](https://PrenatalScreenApp.FloridaHealth.gov)
- **Email Technical Assistance at:**  
[PrenatalScreen@FLhealth.gov](mailto:PrenatalScreen@FLhealth.gov)

After an expecting mom completes the Florida Prenatal Screen, she may be referred for community support services through Connect, Florida's coordinated intake and referral process. Connect is the state's one-stop entry point to connect families to home visiting programs and other resources to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes for moms and babies.

The Florida Prenatal Screen is completed



If referred, screen results are transmitted to Connect to match moms with community resources that best fit her needs.

Home visitors begin tailored support services with the family.

## HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

Home visiting is a form of family support where a trained professional, such as a nurse, social worker, or early childhood specialist, meets with expecting or new mothers and their families at their home or other location to provide one-on-one support. These visits are focused on parenting and childbirth education, healthy child development, and access to community resources. **Connect offers moms evidence-based programs, including:**

**Healthy Families Florida (HFF)** is a nationally accredited model by Healthy Families America. This program connects families with highly trained home visitors to promote positive parent-child relationships and child development. Services begin prenatally or within the first three months after a child's

birth and can last up to five years depending on the unique needs of the family.

**Healthy Start** provides education and support for expecting and new families to include screenings, counseling, and various support services to help families during pregnancy and a baby's infancy.

**Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)** is a national program that provides education and support to first-time moms in low-income communities using specially-trained nurse home visitors. Families receive services starting from pregnancy through the child's second birthday.

**Parents as Teachers (PAT)** is a national program that includes one-on-one home visits, monthly group meetings, developmental screenings, and a resource network for families. Parent educators conduct the home visits using structured visit plans and guided planning tools.