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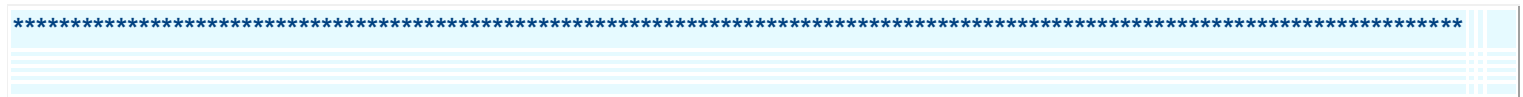
Summary

Home Visiting and Parent Support Referral

Effective Dec. 1, 2022, the WorkFirst Home Visiting and Parent Support initiative will be expanded statewide. Referrals will be made to home visiting and parent support services as part of our standard way of serving families with young children.

Per WAC 388-310-1450, WorkFirst staff are required to offer and document a referral to home visiting and parent support programs:

- During Pregnancy to Employment Assessments (P to E)
- At each Infant/Toddler Exemption three-month contact
- Upon initial completion of the Pathway Development Tool (PDT) and subsequent updates
- Staff are also encouraged to make referrals during other contacts and conversations with families as needed.



[Living Arrangements | DSHS \(wa.gov\)](#):

Follow these guidelines to ensure the minor is in the most appropriate living arrangement:

1. Determine where the minor's parents are residing and if they are willing to have the minor live with them. This information regarding the whereabouts of the minor's parents may be

obtained from the minors themselves, or from the information DSHS already has in the system.

2. Make every effort to contact the parents (both the mother and the father if they are not living together) to get the parents' perspective as to the reason the minor does not live in the parent's home. If the parental home is safe and appropriate and a parent is willing to have the minor live with them, deny the minor's proposed living arrangement.
3. When living with a parent or legal guardian is not an option because of abuse, neglect, or because of the parent's unwillingness to allow the minor to live with them, investigate other options. Other options may include a responsible adult relative or supervised minor housing. If there are appropriate and safe adult supervised living arrangements available to the minor, encourage the minor to consider that option.
4. Contact Children's Services to determine if there is an open ~~case,~~case or a history of child abuse and neglect involving the minor parent or the minor parent's child. If there is an open case of child abuse involving the minor or minor's child, it is important to work with Children's Services while managing the case. Equally important is getting the minor in a living situation that will support the case plan and encourage positive parenting.
5. Checking with Children's Administration may also provide important background information regarding the environment the minor may have grown up in and whether a Child Protective Service history exists involving the minor and the minor's parents.
6. [Refer pregnant minors for First Steps services. For information on making a referral for home visiting and parent support see WorkFirst Handbook 5.1 Pregnancy to Employment | DSHS \(wa.gov\).](#) Provide information regarding the First Steps program to pregnant clients, including [information regarding how to access the program](#). Some minors are receiving Washington Apple Health for Pregnant Women prior to applying for TANF and may have a maternity case manager who can help coordinate services to the minor.

[Health Care Coverage and First Steps Services | DSHS \(wa.gov\)](#)

1. Pregnant and parenting ~~minor's~~minors may be eligible for Washington Apple Health coverage even if they are not eligible for TANF because they do not meet the school or living requirements. (See WAC 388-505-0220 (2)).
2. Refer pregnant minors for First Steps services. [For information on making a referral for Home visiting and parent support see WorkFirst Handbook 5.1 Pregnancy to Employment | DSHS \(wa.gov\).](#) Pregnant minors are eligible to receive the following services through First Steps:
 - a. Home visits by a public health nurse
 - b. Dietician services
 - c. Counseling
 - d. Maternity case management
3. Coordinate services when a pregnant or parenting minor is working with Maternity Case Management to avoid duplication of services.