

- Area:** Family Partnerships
- Subject:** FP03 - Services to Pregnant Women
- Reference:** 1304.40 (c)(1-3)
- Policy:** SCOE Head Start programs assist pregnant women in accessing comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care, through referrals, immediately after enrollment in the program or as needed.

**Procedure:**

1. Through conversation during registration, center staff shall determine if pregnant women have access to a health care provider and prenatal education.
  - a. Document pertinent contacts on the Family Contact Log, Family Portfolio, Partnership Agreement, and Parent Contact Record.
  - b. Document any referrals on the Social Service Referral Form.
2. If pregnant women or nursing mothers do not have access to a health care provider, staff shall provide the mother with resources and information on accessing care. Information, education and resources provided may include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. A copy of the Stanislaus Social Services Directory
  - b. Risks from smoking and alcohol
  - c. Labor and delivery
  - d. Nutrition resources such as WIC
  - e. Postpartum recovery (including maternal depression)
  - f. Encouragement to keep appointments with health care providers during conversations when the mother is dropping off or picking up the child being served at the center.
3. Center staff must provide an available area for breast-feeding mothers who wish to breast-feed their child at the center.

**Supervised by:** Director II, Child Development Supervisor

**Performed by:** Family Service Workers

**Forms needed:** Family Partnership Agreement, Family Contact Log, Family Portfolio, Social Service Referral, Parent Contact Record

**Frequency:** During registration; Ongoing throughout the program year