

*New York State Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood
Home Visiting Initiative*

Instructions for Use of Packet

Purpose: This home visiting resources packet contains information on evidence-based home visiting programs that have been shown to positively impact maternal health, child health, and child maltreatment outcomes, i.e., Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) and Healthy Families New York (HFNY). It is intended for use by NFP and HFNY programs and other home visiting stakeholders to conduct outreach to health care and human service providers who work with pregnant and/or postpartum women and families to provide information on the benefits of evidence-based home visiting. The purpose is to promote referrals of those women and families who may benefit from home visiting services as a source of additional support through pregnancy and the early years of a child's life.

Content of Resource Packet:

- Tear-off-sheets/prescription pad for provider to give to client.
- Referral form for provider to return to home visiting program.
- Briefings on HFNY and NFP home visiting models for provider.
- Journal articles on the evidence supporting HFNY and NFP for provider.
- Brochures on HFNY and NFP for provider to give to client.
- Wall posters for provider to hang on office walls.

Using the packet:

- Add or remove items as needed, based on the availability of HFNY and/or NFP programs in your community.
- Schedule a visit lasting 5 to 15 minutes with the doctor, nurse, social worker, or other professional administrative staff of those health care and human service providers in your community who work with pregnant and/or postpartum women and families.
- If your community has both a HNFY and NFP program, collaborate and conduct the outreach visits together, and/or coordinate the schedule of visits and ensure the outreach visit provides information on both programs so that the provider may determine which program is the better fit for their individual client.
- Bring the resource packet with you during outreach visits and give the packet to provider. This packet and all of its contents is for the providers to keep.
- During the visit, provide an overview of: evidence supporting the benefits of NFP and/or HFNY; eligibility criteria; and home visiting services provided.
- At the close of the visit, ask the provider to commit to referring pregnant and postpartum women they feel will benefit from NFP or HFNY home visiting services.
- Document results of the visit including duration of the visit, who the visit was conducted with (e.g. physician, nurse, administrator, etc.) and any brief comments summarizing results of the visit.

Additional resources for your use are available at: www.NYhomevisiting.org