

# REASONS why Pediatricians should refer to **Healthy Start**



*Our intake staff holds the key to unlock your patients' access to care. Here are some reasons why you should refer your patients for (currently virtual) home visiting and other community resources.*

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## Ensures a healthy start and a hopeful future

By referring patients to Healthy Start they have access to home visiting services and community resources tailored to the needs of their family.



### Benefits of home visiting include:

- children are safer
- moms and babies are healthier
- families are more self-sufficient
- children are better prepared for school
- home visiting programs save money

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## Improves overall health of families

Home visiting programs provide support services to improve health and developmental outcomes, increase access to health care, and reduce infant mortality and morbidity.

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## All Services are FREE to your patients

Healthy Start offers FREE education and support for breastfeeding, parenting, newborn care, infant safety (safe sleep, car seat safety and home safety), family planning, and school readiness.

*Through regular planned home visits, parents learn how to improve their family's health and provide better opportunities for their children.*

*- American Academy of Pediatrics*

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## Empowers families

Home visiting programs encourage high risk patients to empower themselves with education and tools they need to succeed. - AAP

*It takes a village to raise a child - African Proverb that means that an entire community of people must interact with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment.*

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## Access to community resources

Healthy Start provides families access to community resources and **CONNECTS** mom to her village.



## Referring patients is **easy**.

Call (727) 507- 4260 or fax referral forms to (727) 507 - 6331 to **CONNECT** your patients with Healthy Start and other community resources.

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