



BABIES SLEEP BEST ON THEIR BACKS!

- Babies sleep safest in a crib, bassinet, or pack-n-play
- Use a firm mattress with a snug fitted sheet
- Make sure baby sleeps on his/her back
- Use a one-piece sleeper
- Make sure the baby sleeps alone
- Make sure the sleep area does not have pillows, blankets, bumper pads, or toys



HEALTHY START

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GIVE YOUR BABY A HEALTHY START

Services for Pregnant Women, Infants & Families



WHAT IS HEALTHY START?

Healthy Start is a voluntary and free service that supports Duval County women, infants and children (up to age three) to increase healthier pregnancies, births and child health.

Give your baby a healthy start by taking advantage of our services. Joining is easy! Say YES to the Healthy Start screening at your doctor's office, birthing hospital or facility or call us to get started.

The Healthy Start screening is short & confidential.



PREMATURE BIRTH HAPPENS BEFORE 37 WEEKS OF PREGNANCY

Premature labor (preterm labor) is when a pregnant woman's body starts getting ready for birth too soon. Preterm labor is not always painful. A pregnant woman should call her doctor or go to the hospital right away if she has any of the following:

- Contractions (labor pains, the belly tightens like a fist, etc.) every 10 minutes or less
- Changes in vaginal discharge including leaking fluid or bleeding from the vagina
- Pelvic pressure – the feeling that the baby is pushing down
- Low, dull backache
- Cramps that feel like your period
- Belly cramps with or without diarrhea



HEALTHY START PROVIDES:

- Childbirth & parenting preparation for moms and dads
- Breastfeeding tips & support
- Help to quit smoking
- Family planning (birth control) information
- Case management
- Home visits
- Stress reduction suggestions
- Healthy eating education
- Immunization information
- Referrals
- Fatherhood support