



HEALTHY BABIES HEALTHY CHILDREN

Thunder Bay District Health Unit staff delivers the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program as outlined in the Consolidated Guidelines developed by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The program is presently part of the Ministry of Youth and Children's Services. Healthy Babies Healthy Children is designed to ensure that all families (prenatal to age six) with children who are at risk have access to early intervention services. Families are screened and assessed and those identified as "at risk" are linked with appropriate services and supports. An attempt is made to contact each family within 48 hours of hospital discharge after the birth of a baby for further assessment and to offer a home visit. Ongoing home visiting services by Public Health Nurses and Lay Home Visitors are provided to families assessed as high risk. Linking and referring families to services and supports, in addition to service coordination, are ongoing. The program is voluntary. Fair Start implements a portion of the HBHC program that addresses early identification of healthy child development.

Please find included a sample of a Healthy Babies Healthy Children referral form, a Healthy Babies Healthy Children pamphlet and fact sheet for your use. For additional copies and resources please call 625-8814.