

What can Bridges for Newborns do for you?

- Help find health insurance
- Help getting well baby care and immunizations
- Parenting education
- Baby-proofing your home
- Infant developmental stimulation
- Assistance with family adjustment
- Physician or clinic referrals
- Breastfeeding assistance
- Physician appointment scheduling assistance
- Assistance if you feel isolated or depressed
- Assistance finding community resources

How Can I Reach the Bridges for Newborns Staff?

Please feel free to call at any time. Our staff is very knowledgeable about the needs of new parents and resources available in Orange County. Our staff is here to help.



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Having a baby is a wonderful and exciting time. It can also be a time of stress and uncertainty. The Bridges for Newborns program is here to help you get the assistance you may need.



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Getting Started

"Bridges for Newborns Home Visiting Program" Information:

Parent Testimonial

Bridges for Newborns is a network of Orange County's hospitals, Family Resource Centers, and community agencies that work together with the Children and Families Commission of Orange County (The Commission) to help you provide a healthy start for your child. These agencies are all committed to improving the lives of children born in Orange County so that they are healthy and ready to learn. Bridges for Newborns program services are available to infants born at Bridges for Newborns partner hospitals and their families. In addition, newborns transferred to a Bridges hospital for specialized medical services are eligible.

Your Bridges for Newborns experience will begin immediately following your delivery. A Bridges for Newborns hospital representative will visit you during your hospital stay to ask you a few questions to identify your needs. Your case manager will help you get the support you need from day one. You may be linked with other Bridges for Newborns partners, such as a Family Resource Center, to help you with additional resources. You may even qualify for the Bridges for Newborns Home Visiting Program, offering experienced and caring professionals who can support you over an extended period of time if desired. Whatever your needs might be, we are here to help.

If you and your case manager decide that Bridges for Newborns Home Visiting Services are right for you, you can look forward to quality service that is tailored to your needs as a family with a new baby.

Services are:

- Offered in your home for your convenience
- Free of charge
- Offered in Spanish, English, and Vietnamese

Remember, this program is limited to newborns, so don't miss out on this unique opportunity!



"I feel this program has helped me immensely. Since participating ... I have learned many things. I have seen how crucial development is to my son's future learning. His fine motor skills have improved and he is now up to his age level. I also learned how to stimulate my son's growth with activities and games. I wish I could have participated in this program with my first child who is now three years old, because it could have benefited her growth and development greatly. As a result of these services my child rearing techniques have changed dramatically. I feel that I have become an active part of my children's learning and feel a closer bond with them. Before receiving home visiting services, I was not aware of safety issues and injury prevention. Now, I have safety proofed my home and I have important numbers, such as Poison Control, on my refrigerator. I am also very grateful for the information I have received regarding infant dental care. With your help my daughter has seen a dentist and has received appropriate dental care. Now I can prevent my son from suffering from tooth decay and I can help him have a healthy smile. I think this program provides excellent services to the community because it brings guidance and support to parents and families. I am very thankful for your services because you have helped my family become closer and healthier."

– Letter from a mother participating at MOMS, a member of the Bridges for Newborns service network