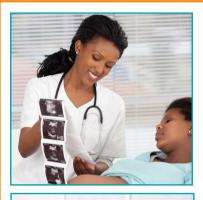
# What is **Perinatal Linkage?**

Perinatal Linkage is a free support service designed to assist pregnant women who are living with HIV.

Perinatal Linkage connects clients to prenatal care, Healthy Start, WIC, and other programs or services.









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#### **HOW HIV IS TRANSFERRED:**

The HIV virus from the mother can infect the baby:

- During pregnancy
- During labor and delivery
- Through breastfeeding (HIV is found in mother's milk)
- By pre-chewing food to feed a baby or child (Passed by infected blood in the saliva of the person pre-chewing the food).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

#### Where is Perinatal Linkage located?

Perinatal Linkage is located at the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County, HIV/ AIDS Regional Program Office covering Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties.



### PERINATAL LINKAGE PARTNERS:

- Food Stamps
- Healthy Start
- Medicaid
- WIC
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Ryan White Part B
- Sterilization and/or Family Planning

#### How can I enroll in the program?

Ask your healthcare provider for a referral to the program, or call the Perinatal Linkage Coordinator at (850)316-2726.

#### What if I need transportation?

Perinatal Linkage works with area resources to coordinate transportation to appointments.



### PERINATAL LINKAGE GOALS:

- To prevent the transmission of HIV from mother to baby.
- To educate pregnant women living with HIV about pregnancy needs and resources for meeting those needs.
- To provide confidential support and counseling to pregnant women living with HIV.

Will I have to tell anyone? Family, partner, boss, friends, etc.

Not unless you want to. Health information will be kept confidential according to privacy practices and laws.