

Santa Cruz County Public Health Field Nursing

If you are pregnant or the parent of a child under the age of 5, you can work with a Public Health Nurse who will come visit you in your home or another location that works for you.

Public Health Nurses provide support, information, and resources to families. Nurses work with families to promote health, well-being, and equity in our community.

Services are provided throughout Santa Cruz County. All services are voluntary and at no cost to you.

To request a Public Health Nurse
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What is Public Health Field Nursing?

A voluntary home visiting program with a Public Health Nurse to support families during pregnancy and/or with children up to 5 years old. The program provides strength-based case management, assists families with accessing resources, and provides health and parenting education.

What can Public Health Nurses provide?

- Regular visits in your home or other convenient location
- Nursing assessment for you and your child(ren)
- Help communicating your family's needs with a wide variety of health care providers (medical, dental, mental health)
- Mentorship and support
- Linkage to resources such as WIC, housing, school, work, child care and more
- Education and hands-on teaching of techniques to care for your baby/ children as they grow

Who may benefit from Public Health Field Nursing?

- Families needing support during pregnancy (accessing prenatal care, preparing for childbirth, high risk medical concerns)
- Families with infants/children who have developmental, growth, or feeding concerns
- Pregnant and parenting teens
- Families experiencing perinatal mental health and/or substance use concerns
- Families experiencing housing instability
- Families grieving the loss of a baby



Public Health Nurses provide hands on teaching and support in the home and are flexible with your schedule.