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NEWBORN ASSESSMENT TOOL

The purpose of this FYI is to inform staff that a tool has been developed to assist staff in conducting a newborn assessment to assess the health and well-being of a newborn child on an open case or referral.

The Newborn Assessment Tool was developed by the Risk Management Division to assist staff in conducting a newborn assessment. The tool includes guidelines from the current policy [Assessing Expectant Parents and Parenting Families of Newborns 0070-548.07](#) and is structured through the [Six Protective Factors framework](#).

The Newborn Assessment Tool is a suggested resource that can be used to assist staff with structuring the safety assessment, determining the parents' protective capacities to meet the needs of their newborn and in determining if a safety intervention is needed.

The [Newborn Assessment Tool](#) can be accessed via the LAKids forms section, through policy [Assessing Expectant Parents and Parenting Families of Newborns 0070-548.07](#) or by clicking on the following link:

http://file.mylacounty.gov/SDSIntra/dcf/docs/1133190_NewbornRiskAssessmenttool.pdf



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