

Privacy . . .

An individual's right to have personal information kept private

Confidentiality. . .

The way a person's privacy is protected

Alameda County Children & Families Commission Every Child Counts offers family support services to women giving birth in Alameda County. We will ask families to give informed consent to participate and to share information.

Every Child Counts is committed to protecting your privacy. Our governing board, the Alameda County Children and Families Commission, has developed a policy on patient confidentiality and privacy. We will do all we can to protect you and your baby and at the same time be accountable for services paid for by Proposition 10 funds



What Every Child Counts will be doing to protect your privacy & confidentiality...

- ECC will abide by California laws that protect the confidentiality and privacy of the children and families we serve.
- ECC will ask parents for informed consent to participate in the home visiting program and to share information between programs. Services will be provided whether or not a family consents to share information.
- ECC information will be shared with other programs for providing needed and requested program services.
- Our policy is to *not* share information with criminal justice, family courts, INS, IRS, child support systems, DMV, private corporations or marketing firms or collection and credit agencies unless mandated to do so.
- ECC staff and their contractors will all sign a confidentiality oath.
- Written agreements with contractors will require patient confidentiality.
- All our information will be protected by the strictest and most up-to-date security technology and meet the federal health privacy regulations - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- Data used for ECC reports will remove all information that can identify an individual.

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The Alameda County Children and Families Commission is funded by the State of California tobacco tax initiative, also known as Proposition 10.

The initiative promotes, supports and improves early childhood development through family support, child care, parent education and health care for families with children from pre-natal to age five. In Alameda County, the program is called Every Child Counts (ECC).

Proposition 10 also mandates that each county monitor and report on the impact of Proposition 10 services on the health and well-being of children.

You can reach Every Child Counts
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For more information on health privacy,
visit the Health Privacy Project Website
www.Healthprivacy.org/resources



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