



## Allegheny County Department of Human Services Policy

# Hello Baby Predictive Risk Model: Use and Access of the Model Score

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### **POLICY**

The Allegheny County Office of Community Services will use integrated data and a predictive risk model to screen Allegheny County families with new babies (except those that choose not to participate) and to tier and offer voluntary supports based on need.

The DHS data team will have access to the raw data and will create outreach lists to support Hello Baby engagement and service delivery. Community partners will receive only a list of families who are eligible for the service as determined by the Hello Baby data model or through a referral by partner agencies.

The raw data used to calculate the scores and computed score will be maintained permanently for research and validation purposes. The calculated scores will also be stored for research and validation purposes. These data are not accessible to end users.

The information generated by the algorithm will never be used for purposes other than generating a list of families who are eligible for service. The data will not be used in the child welfare intake or investigative decision-making processes, or for any child welfare purpose. Child welfare staff will never have access to that information. It will be used only to determine the family's service eligibility level after birth (assuming the family has not opted out of the program).