



## Allegheny County Department of Human Services

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

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## Policy

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The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Community Services will use integrated data and a predictive risk model to screen Allegheny County families with new babies, except those who 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 create outreach lists to support Hello Baby engagement and service delivery. Community partners will only receive a list of families 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 child welfare intake, child abuse or neglect investigative decision-making processes, or for any other child welfare purpose. DHS's Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF) staff will never have access to the raw data or calculated scores. The information generated by the algorithm will only be used to determine the family's service eligibility level after birth unless a family has opted out of the program.

## Related Documents

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- [Hello Baby and Child Welfare Status Policy](#)
- [Collaboration between Hello Baby and the Office of Children, Youth and Families \(CYF\)](#)

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