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Topic of the Month

Where do you distribute Newborn Packets?

We distribute our newborn packets through the hospital. I met with our local hospital administrator before the program ever started to find out what their rules were and what I could or could not do. There were a few things that I had not thought about. - **Sherry White, West Point Coalition**

We distribute our newborn packets at the Health Department, Hernando Library, doctor offices, city hall, child care centers, parks and recreation department, chamber of commerce, Head Start and at Baptist Memorial Hospital baby fair. -**Gia Matheny, Hernando Coalition**

Cooperative effort with hospital...they distribute prepared packets to moms of newborns. We leave 20-30 packs at hospital here in Cleveland at least quarterly, unless we get a call to come sooner. – **Brenda Ellis and Patsy Clerk- Cleveland**

We are distributing our newborn packets at our Family Resource Center and we have them at every event that the Senatobia Excel By 5 coalition is a part of in case there are parents attending that can use them. We also take bags to one children's clinic, and the Health Department and distribute bags from our local library. –**Lana Nail and Laurie Madsen, Senatobia Coalition**

We distribute the New Mother Packets for the Pascagoula Excel By 5 and the Moss Point Excel by 5 to the Singing River Hospital located in Pascagoula. -**Connie Jo Williams, Pascagoula Coalition**

In Midtown we distribute our Newborn Packets to Unacare which is the clinic in the neighborhood. -**Shmea Kelly, Mid Jackson Coalition**

The LOU Excel By 5 Coalition distributes its newborn packets through a partnership with Baptist Memorial Hospital - North Mississippi. The hospital distributes its own newborn packet, and the LOU Excel By 5 Coalition's packet is included within it. The packets are given to every family with a new baby born at the hospital. - **Alice Ricks, Lafayette County/Oxford/University Coalition**

The Hattiesburg, we currently distribute Newborn Packets through Forrest General Hospital. We are exploring alternate avenues that will increase our ability to share information with new parents. –**Dan Kibodeaux, Hattiesburg Coalition**