

Having a Healthy Pregnancy

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Substance use during pregnancy is dangerous for mom and baby. Having a healthy pregnancy means making healthy, responsible choices.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

The risk of SIDS increases when:

- A mother smokes cigarettes or vapes during pregnancy
- A mother is exposed to secondhand smoke during pregnancy
- A baby is exposed to secondhand smoke

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

- Is completely preventable by avoiding alcohol during pregnancy
- Symptoms include physical, developmental delays, and even death

Pregnancy and Medications

Doctors need to know any prescription or over-the-counter medications a pregnant mother uses. Even when taken correctly, these medications can harm an unborn baby.



Safe Haven Laws

In Indiana, a custodial parent can surrender a baby under 30 days old to an emergency medical service without penalty.



Use the QR reader on your phone to watch a video about the costs of being a parent.



According to Indiana Public Law 154-2018, section 1, three videos have been added to this program which will aid in instruction on this topic.



Learn more about fetal development using the **Pregnancy Timeline Handout**.