

Public Health Nurse Home Visits



Public Health Nurses provide home visits to individuals and families to assist them with health needs and concerns. Nurses can help people follow up on a medical plan or find a doctor or clinic. Nurses can answer health questions, assess needs, and help clients access no cost/low cost community services. Studies have shown that children, especially, benefit from Public Health Nurse home visits.

What does the Public Health Nurse do?

The nurse conducts an in-depth health interview; then client and nurse together develop a customized health plan. The nurse can then help a client:

- ❖ Get needed medical appointments
- ❖ Have a healthy pregnancy
- ❖ Breastfeed successfully
- ❖ Raise healthy children
- ❖ Keep children safe
- ❖ Plan the size of the family
- ❖ Make healthy food choices
- ❖ Evaluate children's health & development
- ❖ Get accurate immunization information
- ❖ Get treatment for/prevent lead poisoning
- ❖ Obtain Medi-Cal & community resources
- ❖ Deal with loss
- ❖ Maintain sobriety
- ❖ Develop a crisis plan of action

To find out whether a Public Health Nurse home visit would be helpful, call the Butte County Public Health Department
1-800-339-2941 or 538-7553 or 891-2733.

