



Eligibility Guidelines

Enrollment is open to:

1. Parent(s) expecting a baby or whose baby has not yet reached three months of age.
2. Adolescent parent(s) expecting a baby or whose baby has not reached 6 mos. of age (adolescent parent is defined as someone who has not yet attained the age of 21).
3. Adoptive parents of infants (birth to first birthday)
4. Kinship placements of infants (birth to first birthday)

Because Maine Families offers voluntary prevention-focused parent education and support and works with families in the context of parent-child interaction during home visits, parents or other eligible caregivers must be actively parenting a child who is under their care in order to enroll in Maine Families postnatally.

Enrollment may occur:

- ❖ Prenatally
- ❖ Postpartum up to the time the baby turns 3 mos. of age
- ❖ Postpartum up to the time the baby turns 6 mos. of age for adolescent parents
- ❖ Within three months of the infant (baby less than 12 mos. of age) joining the family for adoptive parents and kin

Duration of Service:

All enrolled families are eligible to participate prenatally up until the time the child turns 4 mos. of age (Perinatal Service Period). Beyond that time, families must meet additional eligibility criteria. Duration is matched to family needs, up to child's 3rd birthday. Should an enrolled family no longer provide care for or have custody of their child(ren), services with Maine Families may continue for up to three months in order to determine if the separation from the child will be brief, or if not, to transition the family to more appropriate services.