

Newborn Screening Resources for Midwives: Checklist for Developing Materials

Purpose: To ensure materials provided to midwives are relevant, appropriate, and consistent with midwifery models of care

Inclusive to Midwives

- ✓ Acknowledge Midwives as Birthing Providers
- ✓ Acknowledge the Community Birth Setting

Principles of Midwifery

- ✓ Recognize Client Autonomy
- ✓ Recognize the strategy of Shared-Decision Making
- ✓ Promote Overall Wellness
- ✓ Acknowledge Newborn Screening as Preventative Care

Comprehensive

- ✓ Explain Benefits and Reasons for Newborn Screenings
- ✓ Explains Risks of Newborn Screenings
- ✓ Explains the Consequences of not doing Newborn Screenings
- ✓ Explains Options for Performing Newborn Screening
- ✓ Explains Next Steps if Newborn Screening is positive

Types of Materials

- ✓ Overview of Newborn Screenings
- ✓ Midwives' Role in Newborn Screenings
- ✓ Guidelines for Hearing Screening
- ✓ Guidelines for Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) Screening
- ✓ Guidelines for Bloodspot Screening
- ✓ Parent (Patient/Client) Education Materials
- ✓ How to Access Equipment or Materials Necessary to Perform Newborn Screenings

Health Literacy

- ✓ Visually Appealing
- ✓ Adequate Use of Space
- ✓ Clear Wording
- ✓ Appropriate Font and Font Size
- ✓ Appropriate Length or Size
- ✓ Easy to Navigate (website)
- ✓ Availability of Materials in Spanish and Other Languages
- ✓ Representative and Diverse Photos
- ✓ Provide Contact Information
- ✓ Indicate how to Access Additional Resources

