



BabySteps Policy Updates Effective January 14, 2020

Attendance:

To be considered an “active participant” in the BabySteps program, you have to attend classes at least ONCE A MONTH.

If you attend less than that, we will need to meet or have a phone call discussing your participation and eligibility in the program.

Late Policy:

It has become a major and consistent issue of tardiness for classes. If you are later than 20 minutes after the hour (1:20pm on Tuesdays and 4:20 on Thursdays) you WILL NOT be allowed to attend class and will not be allowed to shop.

I know parking and traffic can be an issue for some days, but you all are aware of that and need to plan accordingly. There will be no exceptions to this rule after January 14th.

New Item Purchases:

We have limited new items in our inventory. There are only so many new larger items (car seats, pack & plays, highchairs, etc.). We will be keeping track of new item purchases and who has bought certain items. You will only be allowed to purchase one large item every 6 months.

Referrals to BabySteps:

If you are referring a friend or family member to the BabySteps program, the potential participant needs to be aware of the following eligibility guidelines:

- They need to be pregnant or have a baby LESS THAN 12 months old.
- Be willing to attend at least once a month.
- Have no record of a violent crime or sexual offense.
- They need to bring a copy of their Medicaid card, WIC enrollment and/or pay stub for proof of eligibility.
- If they have limited English speaking skills, they need to bring an interpreter to orientation/registration and classes.

Reminder of Length of Enrollment in BabySteps:

As a reminder of our updated policies as far as how long you may be enrolled in the program.

You can be enrolled in the BabySteps program 2 times. The first time you enroll, you can stay in the program until your child is 24 months old.

You may enroll for the second time when you’re pregnant and will officially graduate from the program when your second child in the program is 12 months old.

- If you enrolled for the second time before June 6, 2019, you will graduate when that child is 24 months old.
- If you enrolled for the second time and gave birth after June 6, 2019, you will graduate when that child is 12 months old.

If you are not sure of your enrollment/graduation date status, please talk to Emily in person and she will check your graduation dates.