PRA/SPECT SYSTEM

A **Perinatal Risk Assessment (PRA)** tool is used to refer pregnant women to home visiting services through a **Single Point of Entry and Client Tracking System (SPECT)**

The PRA tool is completed by prenatal care providers in New Jersey and is designed to be:
- A uniform assessment tool to determine the risk factors affecting a current pregnancy
- Sent electronically to Family Health Initiatives for data processing
- Forwarded to Medicaid Managed Care Organizations to authorize enrollment and case management
- Forwarded to Home Visiting providers when referral for home visiting is necessary and desired by the patient

The SPECT system is designed to:
- Automatically forward referrals received from MCH providers in a community to the appropriate home visiting program/agency
- Provide participating home visiting agencies and referring providers with a web portal to identify families involved in home visiting programs
- Report summary data to participating agencies and providers

Home visiting agencies serving a common community:
- Designate a lead agency to maintain the PRA/SPECT data system and coordinate the PRA/SPECT partnership;
- Determine and agree upon criteria for triage of home visiting referrals;
- Initiate signed agreements to share information about clients in the system with all partner agencies (referring and receiving);
- Agree to use the PRA as a uniform referral tool which is completed by referring agencies.

Referring maternal and child health providers:
- Complete the PRA tool on <u>ALL</u> women who enter care.
- Document the need for a home visiting referral in the referral section of the form. ("Community Home Visiting")

The PRA/SPECT system:
- Receives client information and triages the referral to a home visiting partner agency via e-mail.
- Triages referrals according to criteria determined by the partnership
- Saves client information in a database

Home Visiting Agencies:
- Notify referring agencies that about client assignments and send periodic updates about client activity to the provider.
- Are responsible for closing cases in the SPECT system.

All partner agencies (referring and receiving)
- May view names and addresses of families receiving home visiting services, as well as:
  - Names of home visiting programs/agencies involved with the family
  - Names of case managers assigned to the family
  - Dates of service