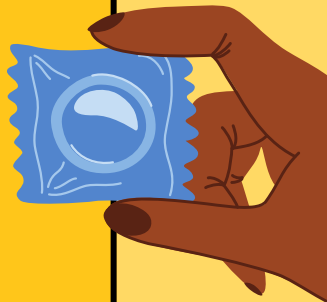
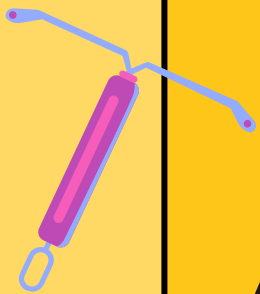
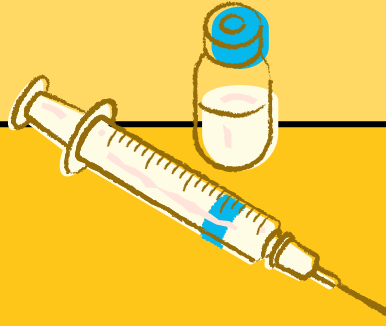


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**Purpose:** to provide you with resources to better guide and support your family planning decisions.

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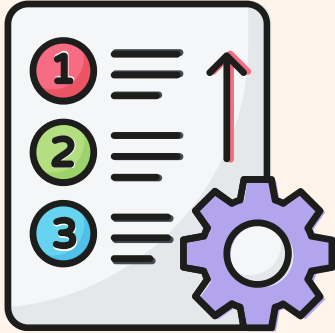
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# Topics

## Priorities:



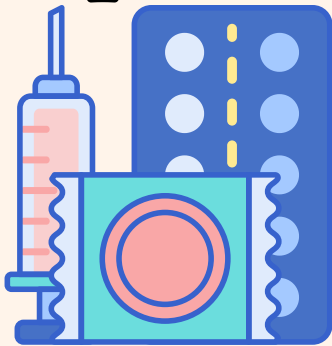
What is most important to you?

## Prepare:



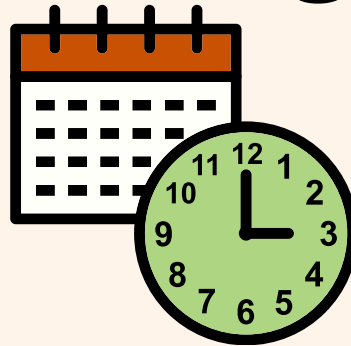
Plan, Explore, Advocate

## Options:



Birth Control for You + Your family

## Timing:



When to Start, Stop, Continue

## Resources:



# Priorities

**What is most important to me?**

- Lactation: feeding my newborn and/or toddler**
- Preventing pregnancy or becoming pregnant**
- Maintenance (every day or set and forget)**
- Hormones or no hormones**
- Stop and/or start on your own**
- Privacy/discreteness**
- Regular/irregular bleeding, period/no period**
- Affordability**



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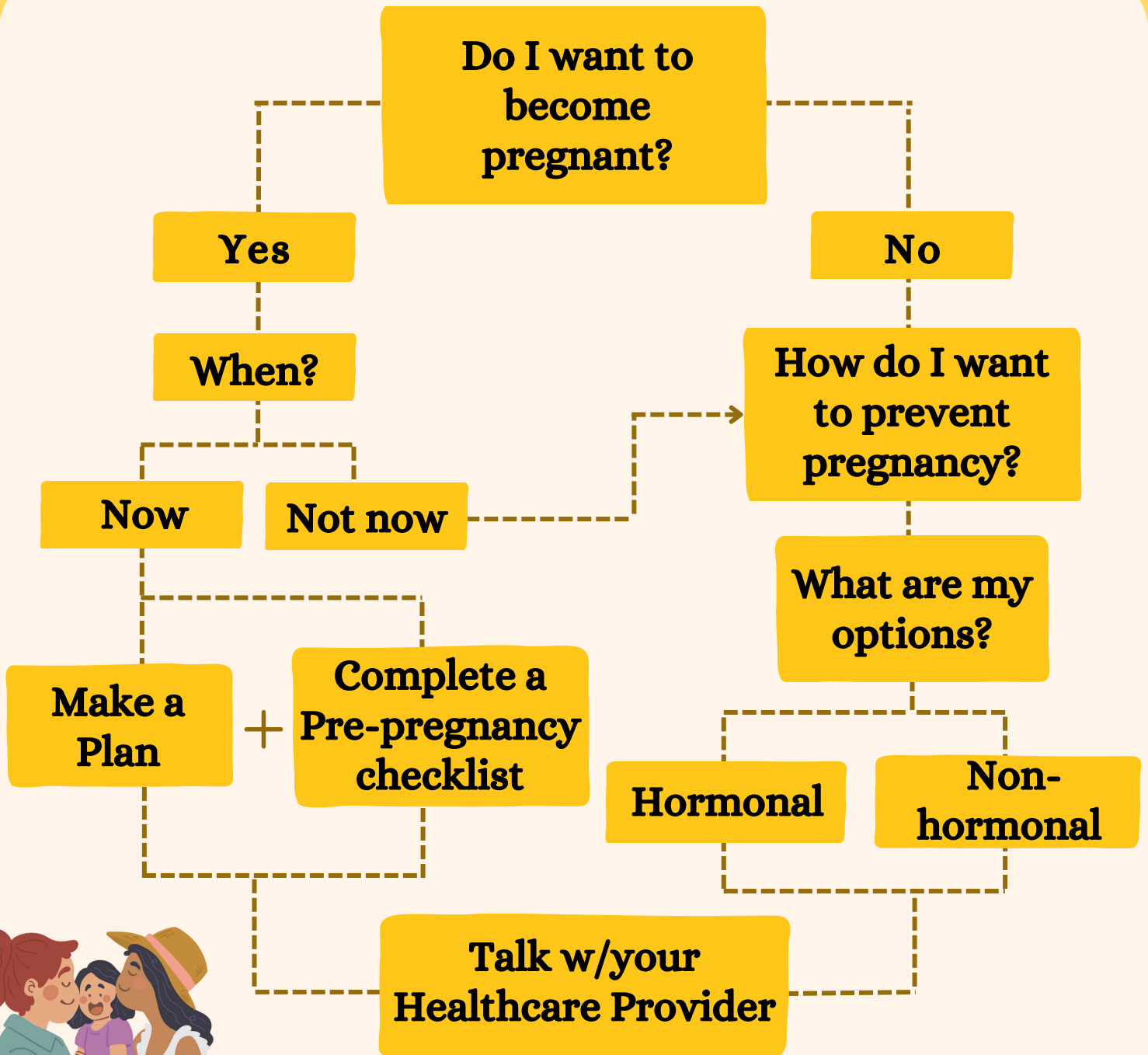
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# Ask Yourself...



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# Lactating?

## Ask Yourself...



- **Do I know what my options are for family planning and lactation?**
- **Can I use the Lactation Amenorrhea Method (LAM) as my family planning method?**
  - Has my menstrual period returned?
  - Is my baby <6mo?
  - Am I feeding my baby on demand both day and night?
  - Am I not feeding my baby other foods or liquids regularly?
- **What are my fears or concerns about using birth control while lactating?**
  - Will using birth control impact my milk production or supply?
  - Will the birth control hormones effect my baby?
- **What additional information do I need to make my decision?**





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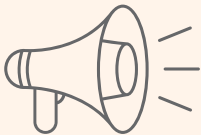
## Steps Towards Feeling Heard



Ask about **B**enefits, **R**isks, **A**lternatives, **I**ntuition, and **N**othing (**BRAIN**).



Utilize resources from this guide.



Communicate your values and feelings.



Bring a support person.



Request time to think.



Ask to see a different provider.







# Plan

## Meeting with your Provider

- Think about what information you need to make the best decision for you.
- Prepare your questions and concerns.
- Consider what's most important to you and your family planning preferences.
- Discuss your goals.
- Know your rights.**



Remember that your reproductive healthcare decisions should ultimately align with your personal preferences, lifestyle, and needs. It's crucial to advocate for yourself and make choices that make you feel comfortable!

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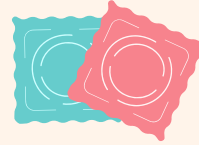
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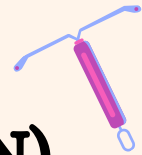
## Birth Control Methods

### ▶ NONHORMONAL



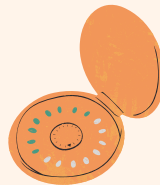
- Condoms
- Pull Out Method
- Copper IUD
- Fertility Awareness Method
- Lactation Amenorrhea Method (LAM)

### ▶ LARC (LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION)



- IUDs
- Arm Implant
- Depo shot every 3 months

### ▶ HORMONAL



- Pill
- Patch
- Ring
- LARCs (Except Copper IUD)



**SCAN FOR MORE INFO ON BIRTH CONTROL METHODS.**

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# Timing

## Your Plan, Your Decision



- Start exploring your birth control options during pregnancy.
- It may be helpful to choose your birth control method before the end of your pregnancy.
- Communicate what is most important to you with your provider.
- Not pregnant? Create a timeline for you and your family to guide your conversation with your provider.
- Remember your priorities in considering when to start a birth control method.





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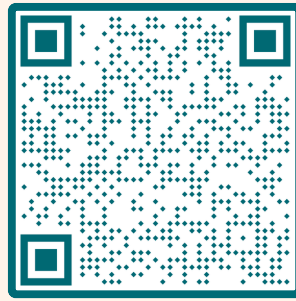


# Resources

**Bedsider.org**



**Planned  
Parenthood -  
Birth Control**



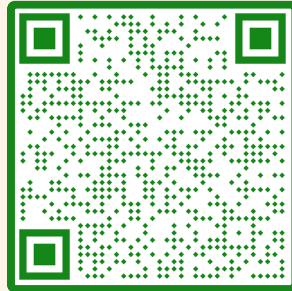
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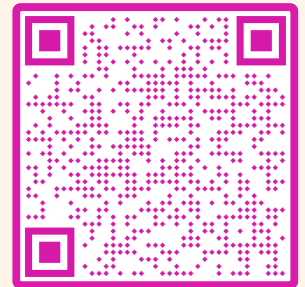
**Birth Control  
While Breastfeeding**



**Black Birthing  
Bill of Rights**



**La Leche League  
Birth Control**



**CDC Pre-pregnancy  
Health**



**CDC Planning for  
Pregnancy Page**



**CDC Pre-pregnancy  
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