

IHELP Social History Tool

1. <i>“Let me ask you some questions I ask every family.”</i>	
I -Income -Insurance	Do you have any concerns about making ends meet ? Do you have any concerns about your child’s health insurance ?
H -Hunger -Housing Conditions -Homeless	Do you have any concerns about having enough food ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Have you ever been worried whether your food would run out before you got money to buy more?</i> • <i>Within the past year has the food you bought ever not lasted and you didn’t have money to get more?</i> Do you have any concerns about poor housing conditions like mice, mold, cockroaches ? Do you have any concerns about being evicted or not being able to pay the rent ? Do you have any concerns about not being able to pay your mortgage ?
E -Education/Special Ed -Ensuring Safety (Violence)	Do you have any concerns about your child’s educational needs ? [DO NOT ASK IN FRONT OF CHILD 3 OR OLDER OR IN FRONT OF OTHER PARTNER] <i>“From speaking to families, I have learned that violence in the home is common and now I ask all families about violence in the home. Do you have any concerns about violence in your home?”</i>
L -Legal Status (Immigration)	What hospital was your child born in? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not in U.S.: “Are you aware that your child may be eligible for benefits even though they were not born in the U.S.? If you would like, I can have a social worker come talk to you about some possible benefits your child may be eligible. Would you like me to do that?”
P -Power of Attorney -Guardianship	Are you the biological mother or father of this child? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>[If not] “Can you show me the power of attorney or guardianship document you have?”</i> • **PATIENTS >17+ with Mental Incapacity: Ask for Guardianship: Are you the biological mother

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