Infant Crying Practice Guide
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Verbally administer Infant Crying & Parent Well-being (ICPW) screening tool
For caregivers of infants up to 9 months of age at well-child visits and acute visits

Score the ICPW screening tool
If respondent has a co-parent, cutoff score is 3.
If respondent does not have a co-parent, cutoff score is 2.

For positive screen:
• Ask more about how they are doing and if they have support
• Provide anticipatory guidance on infant crying
• Discuss parent coping and infant soothing
• Decide if referral is indicated: Fussy Baby Network, Behavioral Health Specialist
• Schedule follow-up with family to check in

For negative screen:
• Provide anticipatory guidance on infant crying
• Ask if parent has any concerns or questions

• Give infant crying handout to parent
• Consider depression screening for parent and/or co-parent with positive screens and as indicated