



## What is LINKS?

LINKS is a statewide computer-based system designed to keep track of immunization records for your patients. Records from multiple providers are consolidated into one comprehensive record.



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## Why do we need LINKS?

- National data show that a significant percentage of Louisiana children are missing some immunizations.
- Many patients lack complete information about vaccines their children have received.
- The complex schedule for immunizations makes the job of keeping children up-to-date even harder.
- State law allows you to share immunization data and provides protection for doing so.

For many children, immunization records are incomplete or housed at a number of provider offices. As families move and change health insurance, children may see more than one physician and records become scattered. LINKS is a tool that consolidates records for children who are immunized in Louisiana. When LINKS is fully operational, it will help doctors, clinics and parish health units ensure that their patients receive appropriate immunizations by making complete records easily accessible.



### How will LINKS help me in my medical practice?

LINKS will help you in the following ways:

- Immediate records for new patients
- Decrease staff time spent retrieving immunization records
- Avoid missed opportunities to give needed vaccinations
- Fewer missed appointments with reminder cards and letters

### How will LINKS help my patients?

- Get easy access to records needed for school and child care
- Receive automatic reminders to help keep children's immunizations on schedule
- Reduce costs (and discomfort to child) of unnecessary immunizations