I have some news.

Mama.

Mama...

I’m having a baby.

Mama. Mama...

I have some news.
I'm excited... but I'm scared.

Yeah, she'll help. Maybe too much.

MAMA!!

Your mom will help you, won't she?

He loves me, but he's not down with this baby thing... yet.

Nilsa, you're a great mother. And Carlito is so happy.

You're, like, a natural!

No way.

Remember how freaked I was? And clueless?

Oh Nilsa, what am I gonna do??
LISTEN, KIM. WHEN I HAD CARLITO, I GOT MY OWN NURSE FROM THE NFP, THE NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP.

SHE WOULD COME TO MY APARTMENT ABOUT TWICE A MONTH AND WE'D TALK ABOUT THINGS TO DO FOR A HEALTHY PREGNANCY AND A HEALTHY BABY.

WHAT ELSE?

WOW! THERE'S SO MUCH TO LEARN. LIKE EATING RIGHT, GIVING BIRTH, AND FEEDING THE BABY. I WAS SCARED BUT I ALWAYS HAD HER SUPPORT.

...AND WHEN I WAS READY, SHE HELPED ME FIGURE OUT HOW TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND GET A JOB.
And anybody can do it?

Yeah. It just has to be your first baby.

Absolutely, and it’s free.

That sounds great! Could the NFP help me too?

And anybody can do it?

Yeah. It just has to be your first baby.

And you have to be less than 28 weeks along.

Sounds like I’m the right girl for NFP!
THE NEXT DAY...

NO, NO, NO!

YOU ARE NOT BRINGING SOME NURSE INTO MY HOUSE TO RAISE MY GRANDBABY!

I TOLD YOU, MAMA. I'M GOING TO LEARN HOW TO TAKE CARE OF MY BABY MYSELF.

HMMPH...

SO WHAT'S THIS NURSE GOING TO TEACH YOU?

LOTSA STUFF. LIKE NOT GETTING STRESSED.
AND FIGURING OUT WHY THE BABY’S CRYING...

...AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.

DAVID SAYS HE MIGHT DO IT WITH ME.

THIS NURSE FAMILY WHATSIT CONVINCED THAT BOY?

OH MA... I ASKED HIM. YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT TOO—IF YOU WANT.

NOW, DON’T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF, GIRL...
Hi, I'm Yolanda Davis from the New York City Nurse-Family Partnership.

If you decide to join the program, I'll be your nurse.

Kim thinks about the Nurse-Family Partnership.
FINALLY, KIM DECIDES TO SIGN UP AND...

SO, WHERE IS THE BABY GOING TO SLEEP?

WELL, I THOUGHT MAYBE SHE COULD SLEEP WITH ME...

I DON'T THINK SO, KIM. I READ THE BOOK YOLANDA GAVE US.

AND THE BOOK SAYS THE BABY SHOULD HAVE HER OWN CRIB—THAT'S THE SAFEST.

BUT YOU CAN KEEP IT RIGHT NEXT TO YOUR BED SO THE BABY IS CLOSE BY.

WOULDN'T YOU LISTEN TO DAVID?! MR. NFP DADDY!
After a healthy birth, Kim and baby Keisha are getting to know each other.

Look at that hungry little kitten. Kim, do you remember how to hold her to breastfeed?

Make sure Keisha’s mouth is wide open...

...before you put your nipple in, so she can latch on good.

That’s it. You’re doing great!

Isn’t she doing great, Mrs. Gomez?

Well yes... she is!

Now where are my manners? Yolanda, would you like a cup of coffee?
Time flies...

Happy birthday dear Keisha, happy birthday to you!!

I can’t believe I’m the mother of a one-year-old.

And Keisha’s the cutest kid on the block... looks just like her handsome daddy.

The healthiest, too.

I’m proud of you, Kim. And proud you’re going back to school.

I’m kinda proud of me too.

Ma-ma!

Ma-ma!!
It's not going to be easy.

Being a mom is the toughest job in the world. The best job too.

But don't forget: I'm here until Keisha's second birthday...

Yo-la! Yo-la! Noo-noo!

Keisha, you can't have her. She's my nurse!
You can join the Nurse-Family Partnership, no matter what your age or immigration status, if:

• You’re a first-time mother.
• You’re less than 28 weeks pregnant.
• You meet low-income requirements.

Call 311 for more information.

We can help you:

• Ensure a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby.
• Build a strong support network of family and friends.
• Make your home a safe place for your baby.
• Set your own life goals, continue your education and find a job.
• Find health care, child care, job training and other services in your community.

You might be eligible for your own NFP nurse.

To find out, call 311 and ask for the Nurse-Family Partnership.