



PR_xcriptions for Prevention: the 5 W's

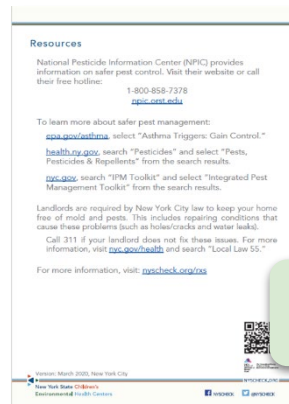
What are they?

The **Prescriptions for Prevention** (aka Rx for Prevention) is a tool used to present clear, evidence-based, actionable information to help families reduce environmental exposures.

Front of Rx:
Evidence-based
action plan



Back of Rx:
Resources



Who created them?

They were created and vetted by local, regional, and national experts in pediatric environmental health, and are consistent with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy.

Why were they created?

The motivation for this project was the gap seen between the training health practitioners receive and the guidance they give families on environmental exposures. The Rx's address pediatric health disparities by integrating environmental health screenings, evidence-based messaging, and referrals to community resources into routine pediatric care.

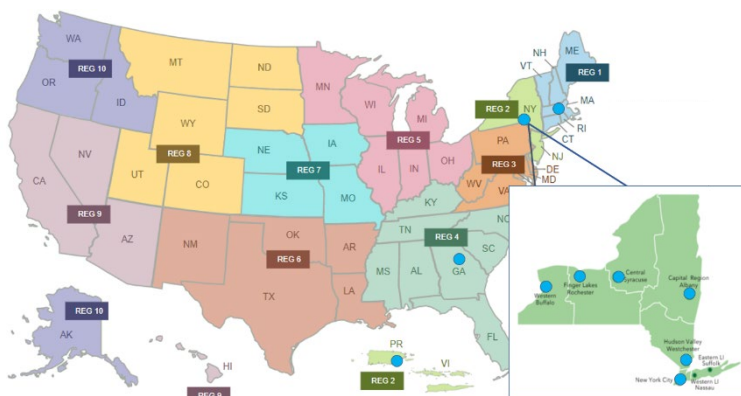
Where and how are they used?

The scripts are given out in clinics, healthy home kits, and to our community partners. However, the Rx for Prevention is more than just handing out sheets of paper. **Screening**, **Counseling**, and **Referrals** are all essential to integrating these Rx's into clinical care.

- We **screen** families for common environmental exposures and use the scripts as a tool to counsel and refer.
- The front of the prescription is used to **counsel** patients with simple evidence-based actions steps.
- The back of the script is used to **refer** patients to websites, hotlines, local resources, and community partners when applicable.

When will there be more?

We currently have over 35 prescription topics available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Our partner centers across the New York State Network have adapted several scripts to highlight local resources, while the Region 2 PEHSU has created localized (customized) scripts for partners in Puerto Rico and the USVI. We have also assisted and will continue to assist partners across the country to customize the scripts to meet the needs of their particular location.



- Locations that have localized the Rx

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