Script – Print – Taking the proper steps in finding a pediatrician for your baby

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"You have to look at the practice as a whole. Are they taking new patients? Some practices might not be for some reason. Do they take your insurance? That's very important. And check the availability of the doctors. What hours are they open? Are they open on weekends?" (:28)

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"A family physician sees patients from birth to end of life; they have the full age spectrum. A pediatrician specializes in birth to age 18 or 21, but it depends on the practice. They have more in-depth knowledge, especially when it comes to behavioral and developmental issues. Oftentimes, a family physician will refer a child with complex medical issues to a pediatrician, due to this in-depth knowledge." (:30)

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"You should ask anything you want to ask. Are our personalities going to mesh? Because that is very important." (:12)

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"I believe that vaccines are very important. There is a lot of misinformation out there from various sources. I would urge every parent to talk to their provider about vaccines. The provider can give you more in-depth studies if you want. You can discuss the risk and the benefits." (:30)

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"The ideal fit would be if you feel comfortable talking to them about everything. You're not having to censor your words. They are listening to what you say. They are empathetic to what you're saying. They take you seriously. That, to me, is a good fit." (:20)

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"I want people to know that every office is different. Every provider is different. Decide what is important to you in regards of care to your child. Do your research and make sure you visit the office." (:14)