

# Hearing and Vision Screenings

## Policy

Each child's hearing and vision will be assessed, with follow-up as appropriate.

## Procedure

- Age-appropriate screenings for hearing and vision will be conducted within 45 days of each child's entry into the program.
- If documentation shows that any of these screenings were done at a well-child exam less than one year prior and results were normal, re-screening does not need to be conducted.
- Center-based and home-based staff will be trained and may conduct hearing and vision screenings in partnership with the Health Manager or Health Educator. The Health Manager or Health Educator will conduct Hearing and Vision screenings.
- Current State and Federal recommendations will be used to determine the assessment tools and criteria for pass/fail/rescreen/refer.
- Parents will be informed of hearing and vision screening results via telephone, letter, home visit, or conferences. Letters will be prepared by the Health Manager or Health Educator.
- The Health Manager or Health Educator will facilitate referrals, with direct service staff assisting in follow-up.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard [45CFR Section 1304.20](#)

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