

EXPLANATION OF HEAD START SCREENINGS

Results of all tests and screenings will be shared with parents. Any results indicating the need for further evaluation or services will be shared with parents along with a recommended plan of action. Parents, staff and contracted professionals as appropriate will work together to create an effective plan to address such needs.

The Head Start program is mandated by law to see that all children enrolled in the program have these screenings completed within the first 45 days after the child enters the program. Parents who choose not to take advantage of screenings accept sole responsibility for ensuring their completion through outside provider(s) and agree to provide the results of such tests to Head Start staff within the above mentioned 45 days of enrollment.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT—Your child's height and weight is checked at least two times a year. This helps us to see if your child is growing properly.

BLOOD PRESSURE—If the blood pressure is too high or too low it may indicate a problem that will require medical attention.

HEMOGLOBIN— A small drop of blood is taken from a prick on the finger and checked for iron content.

VISION SCREENING—Your child's eyes are checked to see if he/she is seeing properly.

HEARING SCREENING—If your child does not hear well he/she will not be able to understand information that is necessary for proper learning.

SPEECH SCREENING—Your child needs to be able to pronounce words properly so he/she may be understood by others.

LEAD SCREENING—A blood test that measures the amount of lead in the blood. A high level of lead in the blood can cause medical problems.

DENTAL SCREENING—Children should be seen regularly by a dentist for examination, preventative care and necessary treatment.

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING—Children's development in the areas of Motor, Vocabulary, Concepts, Language, Self-help, Socio-emotional, Math and Letter Naming will be assessed throughout their time at Head Start. The screening will be completed by having child complete fun, age-appropriate tasks using bright, appealing, child-friendly materials.