

Big Sandy Area C.A.P., Inc. – HEAD START
Program Policies and Procedures

Determining Child's Health Status

POLICY:

In order to assess and meet individual needs, staff will determine if the child has on-going access to health services and obtain documentation of an age appropriate health assessment upon enrollment or within 90 days of child's enrollment date.

. This policy relates to Head Start Performance Standards 45 CFR Part 1304.20 ((a.1 & a.2)

PROCEDURE:

1. As part of the enrollment process, parent will be asked to identify their child's health care provider(s) and to give written consent to enable the Head Start program to establish communication with the provider(s).
2. During the enrollment and family assessment process, the Family Advocate will identify the family barriers in accessing health care and a plan of action will be developed and documented.
3. At the time of intake/enrollment, parents will be informed of the health requirements of the program. Requirements are consistent with the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Schedule, Kentucky Immunization Program, the Center for Disease Control, and any other additional recommendation from Big Sandy Health Advisory Committee that is based on prevalent community health problems. Parents will be encouraged to obtain or provide documentation of an up-to-date physical, dental exam, vision exam, and immunization record prior to the child entering the classroom. (See Physical Exam, Dental Exam/Services, Vision Exam, and Immunizations policies).
4. If the family does not have a medical/dental provider (medical/dental home), staff will assist them in choosing one and making /scheduling appointments:
 - a. If the child is not up-to-date on the recommended schedule of well child care, staff will assist families in making necessary arrangements (including transportation) to bring the child up-to-date. If a child is not eligible for Medicaid/K-Chip or other payment sources, he/she will be referred to medical/dental providers contracted by the Head Start program for services. (see Head Start Payment for Medical/Dental Services Policy)

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- b. For children who are up-to-date on an age appropriate schedule, the program will ensure that they continue to follow the recommended schedule by closely monitoring each child's individual health record. (see Tracking and Follow-up Policies)
5. Assessment of the child's current health status will include the following screenings, examinations, and information:
- a. Child Health History
 - b. Preventive Health Questionnaire
 - c. Asthma /Allergy Questionnaire (if applicable)
 - d. Insurance information
 - e. Physical
 - f. Blood Pressure
 - g. Blood lead screening
 - h. Hemoglobin/Hematocrit
 - i. Mental health issues
 - j. Safety
 - k. Height & Weight
 - l. Vision exam
 - m. Vision screening (if applicable)
 - n. Hearing screening
 - o. Development screening
 - p. Immunizations
 - q. Dental Exam