

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

Speech/Language Screening

POLICY:

All children will receive a speech/language screening to identify any delays

This policy relates to [Head Start Performance Standards 45 CFR Part 1302.42 and 1302.33](#)

PROCEDURE:

1. A speech/language screening will be completed on each child within 45 calendar days of the child's first day of school.
2. Each delegate program will choose an age appropriate, standardized screening tool. All children must be screened using the same tool.
3. A speech/language screening is implemented by an analysis of the following information:
 - a. history
 - b. parent concern
 - c. staff observation
 - d. screening instruments
 - e. hearing screening results
4. Whenever possible, a speech/language screening will be conducted by a licensed pathologist/therapist using a standardized screening instrument.
5. A child will be referred for further evaluation if the results in the categories listed above are of concern. (*see Referral-Evaluation policy*)
6. Adults who speak the child's primary language will be involved in the screening and evaluation to ensure accuracy in differentiating between language confusion and developmental acquisition.