

## HEAD START PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS RELATED TO VISION SCREENING

National Head Start Performance Standards related to vision screening include the following:

### **45 C.F.R. § 1304.20(b)(1)**

(b) Screening for developmental, sensory, and behavioral concerns.  
(1) In collaboration with each child's parent, and within 45 calendar days of the child's entry into the program, grantee and delegate agencies must perform or obtain linguistically and age appropriate screening procedures to identify concerns regarding a child's developmental, sensory (visual and auditory), behavioral, motor, language, social, cognitive, perceptual, and emotional skills (see 45 CFR 1308.6(b)(3) for additional information). To the greatest extent possible, these screening procedures must be sensitive to the child's cultural background.

### **45 C.F.R. § 1308.6(b)(3)**

(3) Developmental screening is a brief check to identify children who need further evaluation to determine whether they may have disabilities. It provides information in three major developmental areas: visual/motor, language and cognition, and gross motor/body awareness for use along with observation data, parent reports and home visit information. When appropriate standardized developmental screening instruments exist, they must be used. The disabilities coordinator must coordinate with the health coordinator and staff who have the responsibility for implementing health screening and with the education staff who have the responsibility for implementing developmental screening.

### **45 C.F.R. § 1308.6(c)**

(c) Staff must inform parents of the types and purposes of the screening well in advance of the screening, the results of these screenings and the purposes and results of any subsequent evaluations.

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For questions about:

- Vision screening tests to use with your Head Start children
- Materials and procedures for your Early Head Start children
- Whether tests used by individuals screening for your Agency meet national guidelines

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