

# ***Review of 2020-2021 45-Day Screening Hearing and Vision***



### **Requirements**

The Office of Head Start requires programs to provide high-quality health, oral health, mental health, and nutrition services that are developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and will support each child's growth and school readiness.

In addition, OHS requires programs to collaborate with parents/guardians as partners in the health and well-being of their children in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner and communicate with parents/guardians about their child's health needs and development concerns in a timely and effective manner.

Within 45 calendar days of a child's entry into the program, staff must obtain or perform evidence-based vision and hearing screenings. In addition, staff should work with the family to facilitate further diagnostic testing, evaluation, treatment, and follow—up, by a licensed or certified professional for any child with abnormal vision or hearing results.

### **Health Screenings**

The City of San Antonio Department of Human Services Head Start Program obtains or performs a vision and hearing screening for each child enrolled in the program within 45 calendar days of entry. If a concern is noted, the child is either rescreened or referred to their medical home for further evaluation, testing, and/or treatment. Staff continue to follow up with parents/guardians each month, as appropriate, until a child receives evaluation, testing, or treatment.

The tables below provide data and information from August 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021. Table 1-Table 4 provide data and information related to enrollment, screenings completed, the number of children identified with a concern, and children that received further evaluation, testing, or treatment. Table 1 and Table 3 include the number of children that have received glasses as of April 30, 2021.

#### **Early Head Start-Childcare Partnership Program**

Table 1: *EHS-CCP Vision Screenings*

	Cumulative Enrollment	Screenings Completed or obtained	Children identified with a concern	Children that received further evaluation, testing, or treatment	Children PENDING further evaluation, testing, or treatment	Children with a concern that have withdrawn	Children that received glasses
Vision Screening	206	137	21	3	18	0	1

Table 2: *EHS-CCP Hearing Screenings*

	Cumulative enrollment	Screenings Completed or obtained	Children identified with a concern	Children that received further evaluation, testing, or treatment	Children PENDING further evaluation, testing, or treatment	Children with a concern that have withdrawn
Hearing Screening	206	109	1	0	1	0

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Table 3: *Head Start Vision Screenings*

	Cumulative Enrollment	Screenings Completed or obtained	Children identified with a concern	Children that received further evaluation, testing, or treatment	Children PENDING further evaluation, testing, or treatment	Children with a concern that have withdrawn	Children that received glasses
Vision Screening	2,493	2,187	321	133	188	8	92

Table 4: *Head Start Hearing Screenings*

	Cumulative enrollment	Screenings Completed or obtained	Children identified with a concern	Children that received further evaluation, testing, or treatment	Children PENDING further evaluation, testing, or treatment	Children with a concern that have withdrawn
Hearing Screening	2,496	2,175	100	32	68	1