

TRAINING VISION SCREENERS CURRICULUM

Section IV: Reporting and Documentation

Learning Objectives

- Understand documentation and tracking procedures.
- Know appropriate responses to screening outcomes.
- Demonstrate principles of effectively communicating with parents.
- Understand the role of community resources.

Review: Goal of Vision Screening

- Identify children with potential vision problems.
- Provide notification to parents and others.
- Referral for additional evaluation, treatment, and follow-up services.
- Ensure children with vision problems receive appropriate eye care and vision is corrected to fullest potential.
- Understand that all children have the capacity to learn, grow and develop.

Vision Screening Forms

- Class lists (if in an educational setting)
- Vision Screening Record Form
- Referral Form
- Vision Follow-up Record
- Individual results should be placed in student's record
- Develop a time-line for follow-up



Notification/Referrals

- Parents and guardians should be notified of an abnormal screening within two weeks of vision screening / rescreening.
- All referrals are made to the parent/guardian for follow-up with one of the following:
 - Ophthalmologist
 - Optometrist
 - Physician
 - Primary care provider



Communication with Parents/Guardians

- Parents want you to appreciate their concern for their child's health.
- Parents want clear and accurate information.
- Parents want you to recognize that they want the best for their child.
- Parents need to be met at their level.



Other Important Notifications

- Each of the child’s teachers or assistants.
- Position responsible for school’s exceptional education services.
- Other personnel



Follow-up/Resources

- Private health insurance plan or HMO
- AHCCCS
- Medical Services Project
- ASDB Regional Cooperative Programs
- CRS (if eligible with qualifying condition)
- VSP Sight For Students through National School Nurses Association Membership
- Lion’s Club
- New Eyes for the Needy
- Lenscrafters/Nationwide Vision
- Eye Glass World
- Infantsee (Infantsee.org)
- Onesight



Early Childhood Resources

- Arizona Early Intervention Program (birth to 3)
- Child’s school district through ChildFind, Part C Early Intervention Services (3 and older)
- Lions Clubs of Arizona
- Deaf/Blind Project of AZ



Ongoing Program Evaluation

- Is there a need for the program?
- Is the program well-designed?
- Is the program implemented effectively?
- Does the program have the intended outcomes?
- Is the program cost-effective?



Next Steps for Parents

- Develop a resource list specific to the population and community you serve:
 - Public Insurance Resources
 - Private Insurance Resources
 - No Insurance Resources
- Some programs are not available in all areas of the state.
- Maintain updated list for families who are referred for treatment/further evaluation.



Early detection leads to success!

- Vision is one of the most highly correctable of the five senses.
- Early detection and intervention can improve a child's ability to learn throughout life.
- We can make a difference in the life of a child!



Summary

- Vision screening is statutorily required in Arizona.
- Effective 8/17/19
- Rules to be developed in 2020

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