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COMPONENT: CHILD DISABILITIES

SUBJECT: REFERRALS

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: To establish that Head Start will inform parents and coordinate with staff to ensure screenings are conducted within the child’s first 45 calendar days from the first date of attendance. The program will implement on-going assessments to determine the child’s skill level, progress, and identify the need for further evaluation or programming planning changes. Through the screening process from the child development professional, a program must, with parent’s consent, promptly and appropriately address any needs identified through a referral to the local agency responsible for implementing IDEA for a formal evaluation to assess the child’s eligibility for services. If a child is determined eligible for services, the program must partner with parents and the local agency to deliver the services. The program will follow up as appropriate for each child with a health problem or developmental delay. The Program will develop a system to track referrals and services provided and monitor the implementation of a follow up plan to meet any treatment needs.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE:

See Policy CHDS-2 for guidance screenings social/emotional, speech and language, developmental, growth, hearing and vision screening procedures as well as involving parents/guardians.

Referrals for further formal assessments may be based on the following, not all inclusive:

- Parent/Guardian Concerns
- Medical Provider Concerns
- Teacher Concerns
- Low Scores on Screenings

When concerns arise or are identified teaching staff will refer to completing a Parent/Teacher Referral, see SOP under Disability.

The Health Services Manager **or designee** is responsible for:

- Gathering documents and forwarding to LEA.

- Entering and Scanning Referrals into ChildPlus.
- Obtaining, making, and forwarding copies to Family Advocates to be placed in Child's file.
- Notifying appropriate staff upon receipt of meeting notices and other pertinent information as necessary.
- Attending meetings or appointing a designee.
- Work in collaboration w/ LEA's and Parent/Guardian in obtaining any information/permission needed to process referrals.

Communication between components regarding referrals and other needs will be ongoing and as appropriate to ensure the collaboration of services.