



# SCREENINGS AND ASSESSMENTS

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## Process of Screening and Assessment

The evaluation of children in Head Start and Early Head Start is a process of screenings and assessments. Screenings are completed within 45 calendar days of starting the program. Assessments are ongoing throughout the school year. Each screening and assessment provides information that helps meet the needs of the children. Parent involvement is important. The results of screenings and assessments are shared with parents. Parental consent is required before the process may begin.

### Developmental Assessment

**Teaching Strategies GOLD:** This assessment tool identifies each child's strengths and needs. This is an ongoing process of collecting and recording information about the child's level of development. The information is used to plan activities for children in the classroom that will meet their developmental needs.

**Classroom Observation:** Classroom observations are an ongoing process. Parents may also be asked to participate in making observations and answering questions about their child's development.

### Health & Developmental Screening

**Brigance Screening:** Information is gathered about the child's development in order to meet their specific needs. Teachers screen the children in the classroom and parents complete a parent questionnaire.

**Health Screenings & Assessment:** The Head Start/Early Head Start program requires your child be up to date on the state of Utah's schedule of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) program, which provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children. The age of your child will determine what service or screening is received at each exam. Below is the recommended schedule for your child:

◆ immunizations may be given ♦ recommended every 6 mo. ✪ Annually hereafter

	1 mo.	2 mo.	4 mo.	6 mo.	9 mo.	12 mo.	15 mo.	18 mo.	24 mo.	30 mo.	3 yr. ✪
Well-Child Exam	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lead & Iron *						✓					
Lead									✓		
Immunization required		✓	✓	✓	◆	✓	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Dental Exam ♦						✓			✓		✓

\* necessary at time of enrollment if not obtained at 12 mo.

Hearing, vision, and growth assessments will be obtained through well-child exam documentation provided by the parent and/or conducted in the classroom as needed.

**DECA Behavior Screen (Head Start):** This screen gathers information on the child's self-help, self-control, behavior concerns and attachment.