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To: Board Chairperson

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From: Responsible HHS Official

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 6/7/13
Date

Overview of Findings

On 5/6/2013, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a monitoring review of the Denton Independent School District Head Start program to determine whether the previously identified findings had been corrected.

Based on the information gathered during our review, we have closed the previously identified findings. Accordingly, no corrective action is required at this time. If you have questions about this report, please contact your ACF Regional Office.

This Head Start Review Report has been issued to Mrs. Mia Price, Board Chairperson, as legal notice to your agency of the results of the program review.

Distribution of the Head Start Review Report

Copies of this report will be distributed to the following recipients:

Ms. Kimberly Chalk, Regional Program Manager
Ms. Candacee Matthews, Policy Council Chairperson
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Overview Information

Review Type: *Desk Review*
Organization: *Denton Independent School District*
Program Type: *Head Start*
Team Leader: *Ms. Tatia Long*
Purpose: *Follow Up*
Funded Enrollment HS: *193*

Funded Enrollment EHS: *Not Applicable*

Status of Previously Identified Areas of Noncompliance

Child Health & Safety

Date of Review in which Noncompliance was identified	Applicable Standards	Program Type	Status	Finding Type
<i>Nov 11, 2012</i>	<i>1304.20(b)(1)</i>	<i>HS</i>	<i>Corrected</i>	<i>Screening and Referrals</i>

PART 1304 - Program Performance Standards For Operation Of Head Start Programs By Grantees And Delegate Agencies

1304.20 Child Health and Developmental Services.

(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.

Triennial (11/11/2012)

The grantee did not perform or obtain age-appropriate screening procedures to identify concerns regarding children's sensory--visual and auditory--skills within 45 calendar days of their entry into the program. Six percent of the child files reviewed did not contain evidence children received all required screenings, and 8 percent contained evidence children were screened more than 45 days after entry into the program.

A sample of 96 Head Start child files was reviewed. Of the sample, 14 files did not contain evidence the children received required vision and hearing screenings within 45 days of their entry into the program. Six children did not receive vision and hearing screenings, and eight were screened more than 45 days after their entry into the program, ranging from 1 to 34 days late.

In an interview, the Health Coordinator confirmed six children were not screened for vision and hearing, and eight children's screenings were performed after the 45-day timeframe.

The grantee did not ensure all children received vision and hearing screenings within 45 calendar days of their entry into the program; therefore, it was not in compliance with the regulation.

Desk Review - Corrected

The grantee obtained sensory screenings within 45 calendar days of children's entry into the program. A review of an enrollment list found the six children identified as not completing sensory screenings at the time of the triennial currently had completed vision and hearing

screenings. In addition, eight children enrolled after November 2012 all completed vision and hearing screenings within 45 days of their entry into the program.

In an interview, the Head Start Director and Director of Elementary Curriculum stated a new Health Monitoring Protocol, a Health Screening Calendar, and a Vision and Hearing Screening Policy were developed and implemented. In addition, they confirmed all children enrolled since November 2012 completed sensory screenings. A review of the Health Monitoring Protocol found a School Nurse was assigned to the Head Start program to manage and monitor Health services, including ensuring completion of screenings within the 45-day timeframe.

The grantee obtained sensory screenings within 45 calendar days of children's entry into the program. This area of noncompliance is corrected.

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