

Initial Health Screen

Initial Health Screens help identify and manage a child's urgent medical problems that may be overlooked in the transition from their home into out-of-home placement with a caregiver.

The Children's Administration wants to ensure that children placed in out-of-home care in Washington state receive the best health care possible. Children who experience child abuse and neglect often have unmet health care needs. To better meet the needs of children and identify critical physical health concerns, the Children's Administration needs your help to ensure that any child placed in your care receives an Initial Health Screen. An Initial Health Screen should occur as soon as possible but **no later than five (5) days** after a child enters out-of-home care.

Whenever possible, a child should be given an Initial Health Screen by his or her own medical provider. For children 12 and older, confidentiality laws do not allow caregivers to be given information about pregnancy, birth control, or treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. The Initial Health Screen provides a quick look at the child's current health status, which includes:

- Height, weight, and growth
- Blood pressure and other vital signs
- Information about the child's health status
- Immunization status, if available
- For children 12 and older—questions related to sex and birth control
- Complete physical exam. When necessary, the medical provider may also check the child's sexual development
- Referral to other medical specialists, if needed

Whenever possible, ask the medical provider for a hard copy of the Initial Health Screen information. The social worker may also provide you with a pre-paid envelope to give to the medical provider so the information can be mailed directly to the social worker. Medical providers need to know as much health information about a child as possible. Often there is little or no health information available when children enter out-of-home care. Ask a child's social worker for any health information including the Child Information/Placement Referral form (DSHS 15-300) which should be given to you within 3 days of the child's placement in your home. Please take any available medical information with you to the appointment.

Remember—A well child exam is still required within 30 days of a child's placement in your home. The Initial Health Screen is a brief look at the child and does not address all of the areas included in a Well-Child exam, sometimes called the EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment). If a child can be seen by his/her own medical provider for an Initial Health Screen, it is possible to complete the Well-Child exam at that time instead of scheduling two separate appointments. However, the appointment must cover all parts of the Well-Child/EPSDT exam—including physical, developmental, mental health status, vision and hearing.

For General questions, contact the child's social worker.

Medicaid Eligibility: Foster Care Medical Team-1-800-562-3022 Ext. 15480

April 10, 2011

Washington State Patrol
Clearinghouse for Miss-
ing Children
1-800-543-5678

Training Website
[http://
www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/
fosterparents/
ongoingvid.asp](http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/ongoingvid.asp)

[www.independence.wa.
gov](http://www.independence.wa.gov)
Info and programs
available for youth (13-
21) in out-of-home care.

CPR/1st Aid/BBP
www.keepthebeatcpr.org
or call
1-888-704-6074

Adoption Referral &
Information Service
[www.adoptionreferral
service.com](http://www.adoptionreferral
service.com)

CFSF After Hours
Emergency Pager

1-866-281-9644

Urgent!!! Case Aide Mileage Change!!! Urgent!!!

We need to inform all foster parents that due to cut-backs, we will no longer be able to provide case aide transportation for non-visitation activities beginning April 1, 2011. For many of you, this will have no impact so please read carefully. This does not apply to foster children who are transported for visits, foster children who are in the BRS program, or Foster Parent Mileage Reimbursement.

Our clarification came to us on 3/18/11 from Dan Ashby, Olympia. "It has come to our attention that there has been confusion regarding CPA Transportation/mileage reimbursement. CA amended the CPA contract effective 8/1/10 and removed mileage reimbursement from the CPA contract. On some cases we are still approving transportation and paying mileage reimbursement (usually for non-visit service case aide transportation). The current CPA referral form 10-402 allows this to occur due to language in the transportation and signature section of the form. The referral form should not supersede the CPA contract. Once the CPA contract was amended payment for transportation/mileage reimbursement should have stopped."

We have updated the form 10-402. The updated form must be used immediately when referring to a CPA. Any CPA referrals/cases already in place with approved mileage reimbursement (Transportation section of the form) will be honored until they expire. Once they expire a new referral using the new form must be sent to the CPA.

All current CPA forms will be honored at agreed upon terms until expiration. When the CPA is renewed (this occurs on a 6 month cycle) mileage will no longer be reimbursed. Foster parents will still be reimbursed for mileage—not case aides.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

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Bicycles for Foster Children

Bicycles4kids.com is a non-profit charity that gives bicycles away to foster children and underprivileged children. Their area of coverage is Kitsap and Pierce County.

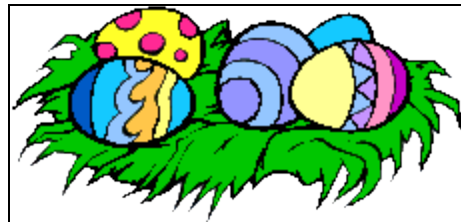
The bicycles are not new, but are refurbished to great working condition. Currently they have 90 bikes of all sizes ready for distribution. Last year, they were able to give away 486 bicycles to deserving children ages 5 to 16.

Bicycles4kids are a ministry of Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church of Gig Harbor and 100% non-profit. They work in conjunction with Olympic Bike and Skate of Port Orchard. If you don't live in the area, you can schedule a time to choose and pick up a bicycle. For contact information, go to www.bicycles4kids.com or call Bob Laughlin at 253-853-5577.



Foster Parent Reminder

Please remember that you need to have Social Worker approval to have any foster child's hair cut. If you have any questions, please contact your case manager.



Easter Sunday—April 24, 2011