



Practice Points

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HCY Screenings InfoSheet

The purpose of this Practice Point is to introduce the Healthy Children & Youth (HCY) Screenings InfoSheet created for staff and resource providers in response to a recommendation made by the Missouri State Foster Care and Adoption Board (MSFCAB).

Resource parents' efforts to meet HCY screening requirements for children in their care sometimes are impeded by medical providers who are simply unaware of Children's Division policy and state statute requiring an accelerated HCY screening schedule for children in foster care. As a result, resource parents are experiencing resistance or even refusal by medical providers to perform HCY screenings if the child already received a screening within his/her age-appropriate periodicity schedule. The board requested informational material on HCY screenings and mandates to serve as a reference for resource providers, but also as a means to better familiarize medical providers with the broader screening requirements for children and youth in foster care.

The HCY Screenings InfoSheet is posted on [E-Forms](#), but it is also available for order in a heavier-weight, glossy print through the E-Store at the warehouse.

Please provide the InfoSheet to all current and prospective resource providers. Ideas for distribution include:

- Case Manager home visit
- Resource Development Worker quarterly licensing visit
- Accompany placement letter when a child/youth is placed with a foster/relative/kinship provider
- STARS Training / Family Assessment Process

Central Office will:

- Provide to the MSFCAB
- Make available to Foster Care Case Management agencies and residential treatment providers
- Inform the Recruitment and Retention contractor to provide to newly licensed families
- Include as a link in the Missouri Resource Parent Handbook
- Post on the DSS website, *Foster Parent Information and Resources* page

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