Introduction to the Head Start Health Manager Orientation Guide

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Objectives

- Learn about the role of the health manager and core areas of health, behavioral health, and safety that the health manager may support.
- Become familiar with the Health Manager Orientation Guide and the chapter on oral health.
- Identify how dental hygienist liaisons can use it to support the work of the health manager.
The Health Manager Orientation Guide

- For anyone responsible for the management of health services across all Head Start and Early Head Start settings
- A foundation for new health managers and a resource for health managers who have been in the role for a while
- Full of tips, strategies, and resources to support professional development
Head Start Programs and Health Services

Core Topics

- Regulations and Guidance
- What is a Health Manager
- Role of Health Services in Head Start Programs
- Program Planning
- Professional Development for Health Managers
Topical Chapters

- Every chapter in the HMOG focuses on a different core area of health, behavioral health, or safety that is essential for the health manager to understand.
Considerations for Infants and Toddlers

Many chapters include considerations for caring for infants and toddlers.

- May be a sub-section of the chapter
- May be integrated throughout the chapter
Considerations for Expectant Families

Some chapters include considerations for pregnant women and pregnant people.

- May be a sub-section of the chapter
- See also the stand-alone chapter on Services to Expectant Families
Sharing Information with Staff and Families

Each chapter ends with a section on the health manager’s role in training staff and collaborating with families, including:

- Professional development resources
- Tips for family engagement
Physical Health

Core Topics

- Medical Home and Well-Child Checkups
- Immunizations
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- Developmental Screenings
- Common Childhood Illnesses
Safety and Unintentional Injury Prevention

Core Topics
- Culture of Safety and Active Supervision
- Safe Indoor Environments
- Safe Outdoor Environments
- School Bus Safety Practices
- Child Passenger Safety in Motor Vehicles
- Safety and Unintentional Prevention
- Sharing Information about Safety
Infection Control

Core Topics

- The Daily Health Check
- Exclusion for Illness
- Reporting to Local Public Health Authorities
- Standard Precautions
- Hand Hygiene
- Diapering and Toileting
- Safe and Effective Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting
- Healthy Air
- Disaster Preparedness Plans for Epidemics/Pandemics
Medication Administration

Core Topics

- Medication Administration Procedures
- Administering Medication
- Identification, Communication, and Documentation of Medications
- Individual Health Care Plans
- Storage and Disposal of Medications
Recordkeeping and Reporting

Core Topics

- Health Record Management
- Health Reporting
Mental Health and Wellness

Core Topics

- Engaging Community Partners to Support Mental Health
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation
- Social and Emotional Developmental Milestones
- Building Trauma-informed Services
- Depression
- Substance Use
Children with Special Health Care Needs

Core Topics
- Identification of Known or Suspected Special Health Care Needs
- Individualized Planning for CSHCN
- A Coordinated Approach to CSHCN
- Common Special Health Care Needs
Nutrition and Physical Activity

Core Topics
- Nutrition Staff and Consultants
- Assessing Children’s Nutritional Needs
- Nutrition Services and Food Safety
- Child Feeding Practices
- Choking Hazards
- Physical Activities in Learning Environments
Oral Health

Core Topics

- Oral Health Status
- Follow-up Oral Health Care
- Oral Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Oral Injury Prevention and First Aid
- Traumatic Experiences and Oral Health
- Oral Health Considerations for Pregnant People
Chapters in Development

- Environmental Health
- Staff Wellness
- Emergency Preparedness and Recovery
- Health Data
- Community Partnerships to Support Health and Mental Health Services
- Child Abuse and Neglect
Tour of Health Manager Orientation Guide and Chapter on Oral Health

- Google “Head Start” and “Health Manager Orientation Guide”
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