

KIDS FIRST
Local Partnership Plan for _____ County

COUNTY KIDS FIRST PARTNERSHIP:

The _____ County Kids First Partnership includes _____ County Schools, (private and parochial schools that want to participate), _____ (Pre-K and HeadStart), _____ Family Resource Network (FRN), _____ County Health Department, _____ Primary Care Center(s), _____ (local hospital and/or health clinic), _____ private medical providers in the community.

PARTNERSHIP GOALS:

1. The _____ County Kids First Partnership will assure that every child entering kindergarten has access to a comprehensive medical examination (HealthCheck) prior to school entry beginning with the 2008-09 school year and every year thereafter.
2. The _____ County Kids First Partnership will collaboratively promote the Kids First Initiative through schools, pre-schools, primary care centers and private medical providers to assure that each kindergarten enterer has access to the exam regardless of ability to pay (This goal can be accomplished through talking points utilized by all parties).
3. Each kindergarten enterer and their family will be provided the opportunity to link with a medical home through the process of obtaining a HealthCheck exam for school entry.

PARTNERSHIP OBJECTIVES:

1. The Partnership will promote the Kids First Initiative for school entry with all stakeholders through meetings, local media (newspaper, radio, websites, etc.), utilization of state organized payer notification, parent/teacher organizations, word-of-mouth. The following audiences will be targeted:
 - School Employees – elementary administrators, pre-k and kindergarten teachers, special education directors, school nurses, speech/language pathologists, audiologists, attendance directors, etc.
 - Local Providers – pediatricians, health centers and hospitals
 - General Public – parents, day care centers, pre-schools, head start programs, employers, civic groups, etc.
 - Community Resources – FRNs, health departments, etc.
2. The Partnership will work in collaboration with state agencies, such as but not limited to, WVDE, WVDHHR, PEIA and CHIP to promote the use of Healthcheck and disseminate health resource directories.

3. The Partnership's collaborative plan for kindergarten enrollment procedures is as follows:
 - The Partnership agrees that _____ form(s) will be accepted at kindergarten enrollment as proof of the HealthCheck.
 - The Partnership agrees that kindergarten enrollment will take place on specific dates and at specific locations based on the capacity of the Partnership to accomplish the above stated goals.
 - 1st Intervention – all collaborating payor systems will notify eligible members of the need for a HealthCheck at school entry and their existing health care insurance plan that covers the HealthCheck.
 - 2nd Intervention – all local providers will conduct HealthCheck exams for children eligible for kindergarten entry on or about their 5th birthday and inform parent/guardian that the exam document will be requested for kindergarten enrollment.
 - 3rd Intervention – all kindergarten enrollment announcements will provide parents/guardians with information about the need for a HealthCheck and means for obtaining the exam prior to the scheduled enrollment dates.
 - 4th Intervention – during the enrollment event, parents/guardians bringing children without the HealthCheck will be advised of the benefits and availability of such an exam and counseled on the options that are being made available by the Partnership (on-site exam during enrollment, visit child's primary health care provider and return HealthCheck documentation to school within ___ days, payment options)
 - 5th Intervention – the Partnership will link uninsured children with the Kids First Initiative process to pay for the exam and check program eligibility through the Screen and Enroll process.

4. The actual enrollment event will be designed to accommodate all families in a manner that facilitates the enrollee receiving the HealthCheck with no or minimal burden to the family:
 - Enrollees that show up with HealthCheck documentation – provide an "express lane" to incentivize this option. Record documentation and facilitate process to link any child with a deficit to the appropriate school-based services for further assessment (speech/language, audiology, developmental) or development of health care plans (school nurse).
 - Enrollees that show up without the HealthCheck - provide promotional materials about the benefits and availability of the HealthCheck exam and it's link to school enrollment. Offer the parent the on-site HealthCheck with various payment schema or minimal school required screening. If parent prefers to obtain HealthCheck through alternative means, clarify that the parent will assure that the child has the exam and the documentation will be provided to the school by the first day of school.
 - Offer HealthCheck exams on-site with parent consent and provide appropriate systems for various payment schema.

- When HealthCheck or basic school screen is obtained, the family moves to the “express lane”.
 - If HealthCheck is not obtained by the family, proceed with school-based screening requirements within 30 days of starting school.
5. Design the process for referrals jointly to effectively and efficiently utilize the services of all partners to the benefit of the child:
- Develop an inventory of all services that are available to children (with age limitations) from all partners and other community resources (eyeglasses, dental, etc.).
 - Assure IDEA Child Find processes are being provided in accordance with federal regulation.
6. The Partnership will document the success of the process through kindergarten enrollment information entered into the West Virginia Education Information System (WVEIS) and immunization data entered into West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIS).
- The Partnership will determine appropriate uses (referral procedures, accountability check processes and improvement processes) for data collected and processes for sharing data (privacy assurance issues).
 - The Partnership will revisit this plan annually and adjust for improvement based on analysis of the data.