
Subject: Head Lice Policy

Source: Early Head Start Performance Standards 1304.22

Policy

In order to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, children with lice or nits will be sent home and may return to the classroom when they are lice and nit free.

Procedure

1. Center Directors and classroom staff will schedule a time for regular head checks on children.
2. If a child comes to school with lice or nits in their scalp, the parent(s), or one of the persons on the emergency consent form will be called to come and take the child home as soon as possible. The child will need to be separated from the other children in order to prevent the spread of lice to others.
3. If a child has been sent home due to head lice, following treatment parents must wait for their child's head to be checked prior to classroom admittance.
4. All classroom linens including pillows, stuffed animals, clothing and furniture must be washable and must be laundered following each head lice report.
5. Center Coordinator will work with the Health Manager to ensure that parent receive the safest and most current information regarding treatment and elimination of head lice.
6. If your child misses more than 1 week of school due to head lice, the Center Coordinator should contact the Social Services Manager and Health Manager for further support.
7. If a classroom experiences multiple lice outbreaks, affecting many children, the Health Manager should be contacted for further support.
8. Parents must be notified in writing of each outbreak of lice.