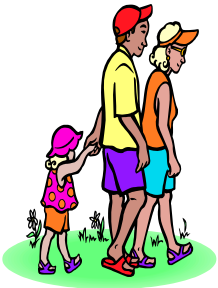


How are the results used?

No matter what classroom that your child is in the results are always used to create the best learning environment for your child. The Creative Curriculum guides the teachers in creating an environment where children can learn. The information that teachers get from the screens and assessments help them to change the environment if needed and plan the best learning activities for your child. You are your child's first and best teacher, so if there is anything that you have questions about please feel free to talk to the classroom teacher or request a conference.



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Your Child's Screens and Assessments



WHAT ARE SCREENS AND ASSESSMENTS?

Federal Head Start regulations require that every child in a Head Start program receive a developmental screen within the first 45 days of enrollment. This means that the teacher sits down with your child and asks them some questions or asks them to do certain tasks.



When your child is finished with the questions or tasks the teacher summarizes the information so that they can better plan the experiences your child will have at school. The teachers are trained in how to use the screens in a way that the child feels com-

fortable. If they child is unable or doesn't want to do a task the teacher moves on to the next question or task. The results/scores are shared at a home visit.

Early Head Start Assessments

If your child is in an Early Head Start classroom, one of the assessments that you might hear the teachers talk about is the Ounce Assessment. The teachers observe the children individually in the areas of relationships with self and others, communication, problem solving, and movement. Every 4-6 months they use the information from the observations and summarize it in a Developmental Profile. That information is shared with you in a conference or a home visit. It is also used to plan activities that will help your child learn best. One of the other assessments used is the DECA for the area social/emotional development. The information is gathered in the same way as the Ounce and shared with you twice a year.

Head Start Assessments

For the Head Start age children the teachers use a tool called Work Sampling. This is an assessment that uses observations of the children in the



language development, literacy, mathematics, science, social/emotional development, approaches to learning, creative arts, and physical development to see if the children are making progress in their learning. This information is gathered three times a year and shared with you in the family report. Teachers also use this information to plan the best learning experiences for your child. The DECA is also used specifically for social/emotional development. The teachers can plan classroom environment changes based on the information that they observe from the children using the DECA. This is shared with you twice a year.

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