

Facilities Monitor

Head Start facilities must meet certain program, legal and public access requirements. The Head Start Program Performance Standards set the basic requirements. These are explained to the Team Leader (on-site supervisor) at each center at the beginning of each school year, as the Operations Director, Health & Safety Coordinator or other designated staff, complete the Checklist for Quality Head Start Facilities/Facility Site Monitor.

Walk Through Monitors:

1. Walk through monitors are completed according to the matrix once per year at the beginning of the school year, using the Checklist for Quality Head Start Facilities. Classrooms, playgrounds, building and grounds, parent and staff space are monitored for overall health, safety and maintenance issues. Matrix staff are responsible to see that unsafe situations and maintenance problems are brought to Maintenance personnel's attention for correction.

Health and Safety Monitors:

1. Health and Safety monitors are completed bi-monthly in each center according to the Matrix. Team Leaders are responsible for any corrective action that needs to happen.

2. Accident Reports are reviewed at Safety Committee meetings. Facility issues related to accidents and/or injury are noted for immediate attention.

3. Sanitation Inspections are completed annually by the Office of Environmental Health. The Health & Safety Coordinator is responsible for ensuring each inspection is scheduled and that any areas of noncompliance are abated in a timely manner. All Sanitation Inspections will be filed at the agency's central office.

4. Fire Inspections are completed annually by the State Fire Marshall. The Health & Safety Coordinator is responsible for ensuring each inspection is scheduled and that any deficiencies are abated and documented in a timely manner. All Fire Inspections will be filed at the agency's central office.

Day to Day Monitors:

Each center has a Team Leader who is responsible for day-to-day monitoring of safety, health and maintenance needs at their site. Team Leaders are to report to the Operations Directors when repairs are needed on site or if faulty equipment poses a health and/or safety issue in the center or outdoor environment. Reporting can be done using the Memo form or the Work Request form. Completion of all needed repairs will be coordinated by the Operations Director with the Maintenance personnel.