

3530.3300 SCREENING PROGRAM STAFF.

Subpart 1. **Early childhood screening coordinator.** Each district shall designate an early childhood screening coordinator to be responsible for administering all components of the screening program. The coordinator may be a volunteer.

Subp. 2. **Screening personnel.** In selecting personnel for screening programs, school districts shall give first priority to volunteers who have the qualifications required by subparts 4 to 9. Second priority shall be given to others who possess at least minimum qualifications and who can provide services determined to be most cost-effective. Personnel may perform one or more of the functions described in this part if they meet each of the qualifications.

Subp. 3. **Services delegated by professionals.** If a qualified professional delegates services, the professional must assure that all delegated services comply with parts 3530.3000 to 3530.4310 and that adequate supervision is provided. The professional is responsible for services delegated and provided by other persons.

Subp. 4. **Professional health screener qualifications.** A person who performs professional health screening must be a licensed medical physician, dentist, registered nurse, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, or psychologist. A professional health screener who is not a licensed physician, or a registered nurse must have successfully completed Department of Health training seminars or equivalent training programs to prepare individuals to perform child screening. The seminars or programs must be designated by the Department of Health in consultation with the Department of Education.

Subp. 5. **Developmental screener qualifications.** A person who performs developmental screening without supervision must be licensed as a special education teacher, school psychologist, kindergarten teacher, prekindergarten teacher, registered nurse, or licensed physician and must have completed training seminars provided by the Department of Education or equivalent training as determined by the Department of Education in consultation with the Department of Health. Other persons who perform developmental screening must meet supervision requirements in subpart 8.

Subp. 6. **Vision and hearing screener qualifications.** A person who performs vision or hearing screening must have been trained by the Department of Health to perform vision or hearing screening; or a program providing equivalent preparation as determined by the Department of Health in consultation with the Department of Education.

Subp. 7. **Laboratory assistant qualifications.** A person who performs laboratory tests must have been trained by the Department of Health to perform the specific tests used in the screening program; or a program providing equivalent preparation as determined by the Department of Health in consultation with the Department of Education.

Subp. 8. **Clinic assistant qualifications.** A clinic assistant is a lay person or a paraprofessional who may perform any component of the screening program. The clinic assistant must be under the supervision of a professional qualified for the screening component for which the clinic assistant is used. The professional must be present at the screening site. A clinic assistant must have been trained by Department of Education or Department of Health professional staff to administer the health or developmental screening measures to be performed by the clinic assistant; or a program providing equivalent preparation as determined by the Department of Education or the Department of Health.

Subp. 9. **Dental screener qualifications.** A person who performs dental assessments must be a:

- A. licensed dental hygienist or a registered or certified dental assistant; or
- B. registered nurse who has been trained by the Department of Health or approved by the Department of Health in consultation with the Department of Education, as having been trained to perform dental screening; or
- C. licensed dentist, licensed physician, school nurse practitioner, or pediatric nurse practitioner using screening procedures according to parts 3530.3400 to 3530.4310.

Subp. 10. **Equivalent training programs.** The Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall approve a program as providing equivalent training for the purpose of subparts 4, and 6 to 8 if the program meets all of the following:

- A. it provides information and training required to perform the specific screening and referral activities specified in subparts 4, and 6 to 9;
- B. it must offer the same or greater number of course contact hours as the Department of Health training seminars;
- C. the instructor qualifications must be at least equivalent to the instructor qualifications of Department of Health training seminar instructors; and
- D. the course materials must be consistent with materials used in Department of Health training seminars.

Subp. 11. **Volunteer.** A volunteer may be a lay person, paraprofessional, or professional who performs screening without fee or payment. A volunteer may perform any of the screening components if the volunteer meets the qualifications established in this part.

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