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Topic of the Month

**What screenings are provided at your Children's Health Fair?**

We provide the following screenings at our Children's Health Fair: dental, vision, BMI (body mass index) hearing, and speech. - **Sherry White, West Point Coalition**

Most of the screenings done at the health fairs in the past have been mostly for adults. However, the dental, vision and hearing screenings are done for everyone. Additionally, lots of health information is available and given out to families of young children and those expecting a baby. - **Patsy Clerk, Cleveland Coalition**

Under April Jordan's leadership on the Health & Safety focus group, we have several screenings that are done. We have vision, dental, hearing, BMI, motor development, and speech screenings. Nutrition, transportation safety, fire safety and first aid are also addressed, and growth charts are given away. - **Connie Jo Williams, Pascagoula Coalition**

In the past we have had the following screenings at our annual health fair: Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Oral Health, Hearing, Height and Weight, Vision, Scoliosis. Our local hospital, doctors' offices, and school district speech/language pathologists assist us with providing these services. - **Ellen Goodman, Oktibbeha County Coalition**

We offered screenings for: Height, weight, Body Mass Index (BMI), vision, and blood pressure. There was also a variety of safety information. DARE provided fingerprinting, which is a valued service. - **Nancy Kidd, New Albany/Union County Coalition**

The following screenings were available at the Hattiesburg Children's Health Fair: Vision, Dental, Height and Weight. We also offered personal ID service (fingerprinting). - **Deborah Woullard, Hattiesburg Coalition**

The LOU Excel By 5 Coalition supports Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi's Children's Health Fair each August. This year, the screenings offered were dental, developmental, and hearing. We hope that we will have vision screenings next year too. - **Alice Ricks, Lafayette County/Oxford/University Coalition**

We did a hearing and vision screening at our Health Fair. - **Lana Nail, Senatobia Coalition**

The following screenings were conducted: Blood Pressure, BMI, Vision, Hearing, Developmental Stages, and Dyslexia. - **Carolyn Tedford, Poplarville Coalition**

At our children's health fair we offered developmental screenings, eye screenings, foot gait testing and physical therapy screenings. **–Gia Matheny, Hernando Coalition**

In Central Clarke County, Quitman Schools combined the Children's Health Fair with district registration by partnering with North Sunflower Screen Team. Early and Periodic screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) screening was available for children with their parents. Pre-school and kindergarten students were our target group. Parents who utilized this opportunity stated this was a helpful and convenient service. Therefore, planning has begun to repeat this type of Children's Health Fair next year. **–Donnis Harris, Central Clarke County Coalition**

The Biloxi EB5 Children's Health Fair is coordinated by Emily Burke, our Health/Safety focus group chairperson. We sponsor the fair along with City of Biloxi, Biloxi Public Schools, Biloxi Regional Medical Center and IP CASINO RESORT SPA. The screenings we offer are: Vision, Physical Growth, Dental, Health and Fitness, Hearing, Speech Language Development, Height and Weight, and Autism. At registration, parents receive a "Health Report Card". The card is completed at each screening station. Parents have the opportunity to review the results of the card with a doctor at the final station called "Ask the Doc". Families can also "Make Their Own Take Home First Aid Kit", visit Mr. Germ Glow, and receive a healthy snack. **-Susan Hunt, Biloxi Coalition**

**\*\*\*\*\* THANK YOU! \*\*\*\*\***

Thanks go out to all who attended our Tenth Anniversary Summit on October 8. It was a huge success and the feedback we have received has been very positive. We appreciate your time and support.

Also, on the subject of time and support... The approach of the year's end means our corporate supporters will be asking for information. We are requesting that you complete and submit the Community Engagement and Community Event Reporting Forms for July-December 2014 by December 12, 2014. We realize that these forms take time to complete and we truly appreciate your assistance with this effort to keep our supporters informed. The impact you are making is amazing!