

HEAD START BIRTH TO FIVE HEAD LICE POLICY

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45 CFR 1304.22 Child Health and Safety, (b) (1), page 87.

45 CFR 1304.22 (b) (3), page 89. Confidentiality

45 CFR 1304.52 (h) (1) (ii), page 204. Confidentiality

Licensing Rules for Group Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers,

Missouri Department of Health: 19 CSR 30-62.192 Health Care, page 45.

1. The teachers or teacher aides will perform head checks when a child shows evidence of infestation. Examples of evidence include, they are itching, complaining or there is visible evidence on the hair.
2. When a head check is necessary, the child should be removed from class to perform the check.
3. When performing head check, stir sticks will be used to check the “hot spots” on the head (forehead, crown, around the ears, and the back of the neck).
4. Wear gloves for head checks. Wash hands with soap and water after head checks.
5. According to Child Care Licensing Regulations, children with live lice must be excluded from the center.
6. Children with nits WILL be allowed to remain in the center.
7. When live lice are found, the FRS/Home Visitor must be notified so that they can reach the parent and arrange transportation home. If the FRS/Home Visitor is not available, the teacher will call the parent to come pick up their child.
8. The FRS/Home Visitor or Teacher will provide the parent with information regarding treatment.
9. If a child is found to have live lice, it must be explained to the parent that once their child has been properly treated, the child will be allowed back at the center.
10. The Teacher or Teacher’s Aide will re-examine the affected child upon their return to school. If no live lice are found, the child will be allowed to stay.
11. Every time a case of head lice is found, even if it is a reoccurring situation, the family will be provided with education by the FRS or Home Visitor and appropriate supportive services.