



Dear Parents,

As outlined in your program handbook, the Early Head Start / Head Start program at the Childcare Network of Evanston offers several additional services you and your child may be referred to during your enrollment. Please see below for information about each of these additional services:

- Health & Developmental Screenings
  - Within 45 days of enrollment, CNE staff, or its authorized providers, will conduct screenings to observe and record the health, growth and development of your child. These screenings will occur annually, at minimum, throughout your child’s enrollment in the program.

**Screening Consent (please initial below)**

\_\_\_ I have been informed about the purpose of screening procedures to identify concerns about health, development, hearing, vision, dental health, behavior, language, social, cognitive and emotional skills. I give consent for my child to participate in the screening program. Ongoing observation and assessment occurs for the purpose of understanding my child’s developmental progress. This information is used to individualize learning goals and plans for my child and will be shared with me.

- If a screening indicates a need for further evaluation, staff will contact parents to discuss the screening results and the possibility of a referral. This may include a referral to the State of Illinois’ Early Intervention program or my local school district.
- Health Services
  - Prior to enrollment (time of first services) families must provide CNE with an initial immunization record and a current State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination record completed by a doctor at the last well-child visit.
  - Prior to enrollment, if my child is more than 12 months old, a current Proof of School Dental Exam Form must be submitted.
  - EHS / HS staff can assist families with finding a medical or dental provider.
  - Updated records must be submitted on an ongoing basis as well baby/child visits occur.
  - CNE works with a nurse consultant.
  - EHS / HS staff may refer families for direct consultation with the nurse as needed.
  - EHS / HS staff regularly consult with the nurse to discuss concerns.
  - CNE nurse consultant may directly observe children during group activities and/or at affiliated childcare sites.
  - CNE nurse consultant may perform non-invasive physical assessments, within the scope of practice for which they are licensed, for the purposes of assessing health concerns and/or completing health requirements as indicated by the Illinois EPSDT schedule for routine pediatric care.
- Nutrition Services
  - CNE works with a nutritionist consultant.
  - All meals served at affiliated childcare centers meet the State of Illinois Food program and USDA guidelines for infant, toddler & child nutrition and safety.
  - EHS / HS staff may refer families for direct consultation with the nutritionist as needed.
  - EHS / HS staff regularly consult with the nutritionist to discuss concerns.
- Mental Health
  - CNE has a team of mental health consultants on staff.
  - EHS / HS staff may refer families for direct consultation with the mental health consultants as needed.
  - EHS / HS staff regularly consult with the mental health consultants to discuss concerns.
  - Mental health consultants may directly observe children during group activities and/or at affiliated childcare sites.
- Occupational Therapy
  - CNE works with an occupational therapist consultant.
  - EHS / HS staff may refer families for direct consultation with the occupational therapist consultant as needed.
  - EHS / HS staff regularly consult with the occupational therapist consultant to discuss concerns.
  - Occupational therapist consultants may directly observe children during group activities and/or at affiliated childcare sites.

I understand and acknowledge that the above services are part of the Early Head Start / Head Start program at the Childcare Network of Evanston.

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_