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FREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL HEARING AND VISION SCREENING OFFERED

Dates Now Available for Scheduling Hearing and Vision Appointments

YPSILANTI, Mich., July 26, 2007—Washtenaw County Public Health Department Officials today announced their 2007-2008 schedule of appointment dates for children's hearing and vision screening. Free hearing and vision screening is provided to all children under the age of 21 (age 26, for special education students) at the Washtenaw County Public Health Department and through most public, private, charter, and preschools in Washtenaw County.

Parents who wish to bring their child to the Washtenaw County Public Health Department for hearing and vision screening should call the Health Department at **(734) 544-6786** to schedule an appointment for one of these dates:

- September 5, 2007
- October 26, 2007
- November 30, 2007
- January 11, 2008
- February 22, 2008
- March 10, 2008
- April 11, 2008
- May 16, 2008

Parents who desire an appointment in August 2007 should call the Health Department now to schedule a specific appointment date and time during August. The Washtenaw County Public Health Department is located at 555 Towner Street in Ypsilanti. Summer office hours are 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. weekdays; regular office hours are from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. weekdays.

All Washtenaw County children receive vision screenings during preschool, kindergarten, grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9, and during driver's education classes. Special education students receive screenings during alternating years. During a vision screening, each student is tested for visual acuity, farsightedness, ability to use two eyes together, and symptoms of eye problems.

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All Washtenaw County children receive hearing screenings during preschool, kindergarten, grades 2 and 4, and when they enter the Michigan school system as new students. Special education students receive screenings during alternating years. A hearing screening is performed using an audiometer and other equipment based on the child's needs.

“While most children will receive their hearing and vision screenings through the services we provide to local school systems, many do not,” said Connie Pinson, Lead Hearing/Vision Technician for the Washtenaw County Public Health Department. “We frequently screen home-schooled children, children who have not yet reached school age, children from families who have just moved into the area, and children who are experiencing hearing or vision difficulties and should not wait until the next scheduled screening interval. These are the kids we can readily accommodate through our Health Department clinic,” she said. “Every child deserves to see and hear clearly—and we’re here to ensure that happens.”

For more information about the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, or about its Hearing and Vision Screening services, please visit <http://publichealth.ewashtenaw.org> or call (734) 544-6786.