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Regulation Number: 1302.33(a)(1-2)	Regulation Topic: Education and Child Development	Policy Title: Developmental Screenings

Policy:

In collaboration with each child’s parent and with parental consent, direct service providers will complete or obtain a current developmental screening to identify concerns regarding a child’s developmental, behavioral, motor, language, social, cognitive, and emotional skills within 45 calendar days of when the child first attends the program or, for the home-based program option, receives a home visit.

Direct service providers will use one or more research-based developmental standardized screening tools to complete the screening. MARC Head Start direct service providers will choose from:

- Brigance
- DIAL
- Ages & Stages Questionnaire

Direct service providers will use as part of the screening additional information from family members, teachers, and relevant staff familiar with the child’s typical behavior. If warranted through screening and additional relevant information, teaching and home-based staff will consult with education/mental health/disabilities coordinators about concerns.

Developmental screening information will be documented in ChildPlus within 45 calendar days of child’s first day of attendance or first home visit following the *MARC Guidelines for Entering Development Screenings in ChildPlus* (Form 4020a).

Adherence to the above regulations and this policy is subject to random monitoring by MARC Head Start staff.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022