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Admission and Discharge Criteria for Specialty Programs

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Purpose:

These guidelines are intended to assist nursing staff in determining admission and discharge criteria for Specialty Programs.

Procedure:

Early Literacy

1. Reach Out and Read (ROR)

The national ROR program RORSA (Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona) and local donations fund ROR. The public health nurse or aide provides parents with information regarding the importance of early literacy and a new ROR book is given to children at each visit.

2. "Blue Book House"/"Books While You Wait",

Tucson-Pima Library provides "Books While You Wait" in the waiting rooms at East and North offices. These books are displayed in "blue book houses" and children are encouraged to read books while waiting to be seen and then take a book home to keep.

3. "Make Way for Books"

Provides Early Literacy kits for newborns visited by public health nurses and aides. These kits include a cloth bag to keep books in, a CD of children's songs and rhymes, a board book, a developmental milestone calendar with literacy activities and information regarding early literacy and resources in Pima County.

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible for Public Health Nursing Services.

Discharge Criteria:

No longer followed by PHN staff.