

Public Health Nursing

Section III. A. 1.

Population-Based Services
Admission and Discharge Criteria for Specialty Programs

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Purpose:

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

1. Child Care Health Consultation Program

This Public Health Nursing program provides free health and safety-related consultation, staff training and referral to child care centers, child care homes, and other group care programs. Training of Child Care Health Consultants is also available through this program. CCHCs are available to help address immediate health and safety issues or quality improvement topics.

Eligibility Criteria:

The CCHC program receives referrals from quality improvement programs, child care resource and monitoring agencies, other Pima County Health Department programs, and self-referrals from legal child care programs. Programs accepted for services include:

- Accredited child care programs or child care programs seeking accreditation in need of child care health consultation services.
- Child care programs engaged in a formal quality improvement process.
- Child care programs striving to improve health and safety and promote children's health.
- Child care programs with a need for expert consultation to address a health or safety-related problem.

Discharge Criteria:

Child care programs will be discharged when:

- All care plan goals have been met, all care plan problems have been discharged
- The child care program no longer requires CCHC visits to maintain

accreditation

- The child care program no longer requests CCHC services (no services x 6 months). The CCHC is unable to reach consensus with program staff regarding goals and interventions.

2. Car Seat Program

New car safety seats are periodically received from the DES, ADHS, and other sources. Car seats are not always available for distribution. Families may receive a car safety seat fitting if they have an appropriate car safety seat for their child/vehicle.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Health Start enrolled clients
- Meet DES income requirements
- Family in need and currently followed by PHN division staff
- Sign appropriate consent forms
- As determined by funder.

Discharge Criteria:

- Able to correctly do a return demonstration of the car seat installation.

3. Senior Wellness

Senior Wellness is a contracted program through the Pima Council on Aging. This program consists of monthly blood pressure clinics/health promotion/referrals to community resources, at several congregate meal sites.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 60 years and older and a participant of congregate meals sites (Flowing Wells Community Center, Northwest Neighborhood Center, El Rio Neighborhood Center, Armory Park Senior Center, El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, Quincie Douglas Center).

Discharge Criteria:

- Lapse in attendance for 6 months or greater.

4. Perinatal Hep B

This program was designed to prevent the spread of the hepatitis B virus (HBV) from mother to newborn. High-risk case management is provided, including

home visits if necessary to assure that 1) all infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers (including infants born to mothers whose HBV status is unknown) are offered appropriate prophylactic treatment after birth 2) all infants born to positive mothers receive time appropriate subsequent doses of hepatitis B vaccine and receive post serology testing within 9-15 months of age and 3) household/sexual contacts of HBsAg-positive mothers in the County are offered testing for susceptibility and immunized if susceptible.

Eligibility Criteria:

- State reported positive Hepatitis B surface antigen pregnant women and their infants.

Discharge Criteria:

- Mother and infant are discharged when post-vaccination serology indicates infant is immune to Hepatitis B.

5. Library Project

Pima County Health Department partnered with the Pima County Public Library to become the first in the nation to have a public health nurse permanently assigned as its library staff to address the needs of patrons. The project's goal is to increase the safety and welcoming environment for patrons and staff. The public health nurse (PHN) role was established to provide nursing assessment, education and case management to patrons of all ages. Many other PHNs are now assigned to various libraries in Tucson and the surrounding area.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Patrons of targeted Pima County Libraries

Discharge Criteria:

- Needs met/discharged.

6. PHN/Family Drug Court Project

The PHN/FDC project is a collaborative effort between Public Health Nursing and Arizona Superior Court for Pima County, Juvenile Court Center. The purpose of the collaboration is to provide home visitation services to parents involved in the dependence system due to substance abuse issues. The goal is to improve parent self-sufficiency, child and health development and enhance family functioning and well-being.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Referred by Family Drug Court staff

- Willing to participate in the program

Discharge Criteria:

- Home visit and follow-up is complete
- Client refuses services
- Noncompliance with program requirements
- Lost to follow-up

See Attachment: FDC Referral Guidelines

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- 1) Referrals come to the East office nurse manager or another supervisor who is designated as back-up.
- 2) PHN Referral form, FDC Medical & Dental Assessment, FDC Public Health Nurse Referral and FDC Report from Public Health Nurse forms are sent to appropriate office for staff assignment.
- 3) Assigned staff will contact the Recovery Support Specialist to arrange the initial visit with client.
- 4) Visit frequency is based on your assessment of the client and the situation. **A minimum of 2-3 visits during client enrollment in Family Drug Court program is required.** If the client meets the program criteria for Health Start or Nurse-Family Partnership, enrollment should be completed as soon as possible.
- 5) Assigned staff must complete the FDC Report from Public Health Nurse form within 1 week of home visit and email to FDC Supervisor and copy East nurse manager.

Document home visit in Care Facts - assign East nurse manager along with appropriate supervisory staff; assign Payor: Courts; assign Program: FDC.

- 6) Staff may participate in FDC staff conferences/meetings. East nurse

manager may present client case at FDC meetings.