

Preschool Screenings

Personnel

Danville District #118

The Danville Preschool for All program coordinates all of the 3 - 5 year old developmental screenings for Vermilion County and conducts screenings throughout the county. The Preschool for All program at Danville District #118 hires the program coordinator and the screening team including the hearing and vision screener. Danville's Preschool for All Coordinator is responsible for scheduling all of the screening events and distributing the screening calendar.

VASE

The VASE administrator in charge of Early Childhood will attend all of the "county" screenings and any Danville screenings where there are more than 10 county children scheduled in order to foster cooperation and communication between VASE and District #118. The VASE administrator will make the final determination for county children in regards to the need for a full case evaluation or speech-language evaluation.

The VASE administrator will arrange for county speech therapists (typically 2 per screening) to be present for the county screenings. If available, the administrator will arrange for a school social worker to attend the screenings and interview the parents in order to gain accurate information.

VASE Member Districts

Districts are responsible for making the Preschool for All teachers available at each of the screenings held within the district. The district may also choose to send the ECSE teacher to assist. Each of the teachers should be familiar with the DIAL-4 so that he/she can explain what the screening protocol indicates.

The Preschool for All teacher will be responsible for meeting with the guardian to review the child's performance on the screening for those children who are not referred for special education evaluation. The ECSE teacher will be responsible for meeting with the guardian to review the child's performance on the screening for children who are being referred to VASE for further evaluation and explain the evaluation process to the guardian who is present. If an ECSE teacher is not present, the VASE administrator or district Preschool for All teacher will meet with these parents.

Closure for VASE Referrals

Identify yourself and VASE: Vermilion Association for Special Education

"VASE staff does all of the further evaluation for pre-kindergarten children for the county, not including Danville.

It was determined at this screening today that we need more information about your child. The VASE evaluation will give us that information."

Review Screening Forms:

Explain the DIAL results to the parent using the screening protocol and parent summary form and including the hearing/vision screening results. If there were hearing concerns, suggest that they schedule an appointment with the child's doctor and/or schedule a hearing test with VASE audiology. The phone number for VASE is at the top of the summary page. Let them know that someone (probably the teacher or speech therapist) will be calling them in the next two weeks to schedule the evaluation.

Review Evaluation Process:

Inform the parent/guardian that the school district special education teacher will be contacting them to schedule a "domain meeting." Explain that a domain meeting is a team discussion of information that needs to be collected in order to define the child's strengths and weaknesses.

Following the domain meeting, the child will be evaluated using a variety of measures. When the evaluation has been completed and the information has been compiled by the ECSE and VASE staff, an Eligibility Conference will be arranged between parents and the ECSE and VASE staff. At that time, the student's developmental and educational strengths and needs will be discussed and a recommendation will be made concerning educational placement and support services. If special education services are recommended, an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) will be developed. No child will be placed in any program without the consent and written permission of the parents. ECSE is a voluntary program.