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| Related Documents: |  | | |

**Performance Objective:**  Return of the child to the classroom the following day after receiving treatment at home. Children with live lice do not need to be sent home early, unless visible multiple lice are noted otherwise they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun. Nits may persist after treatment, but successful treatment should kill crawling lice.

**Screening Procedures:**

1. Observe for child exhibiting intense scratching to back of the neck, behind the ears, and on top of the head. If intense scratching is noted perform a scalp check. If multiple lice are found, your child will be sent home. Follow number 6 for exclusion procedure. If single lice or nits found, children are allowed to stay at center, and parents will be informed at end of day.
2. The Site Manager, teaching staff, and FSW will provide educational information packet to parent to include: a comb, fact sheets, and home remedies.
3. Center staff will work with Family Support staff to ensure that parents receive the most current and safest information regarding the treatment and elimination of head lice.
4. All classroom linens including pillows, stuffed animals, clothing, and furniture must be washable and must be laundered on a weekly basis, and for each additional lice report.
5. Clean all washable surfaces including bus seats. Vacuum carpet to remove loose hair that may have attached nits and dispose of cleaning cloths.
6. Exclusion Procedure: Child will be sent home for multiple live lice.
7. Site Manager will provide educational material information packet to parent upon arrival to pick up child.
8. Parent should provide treatment for lice and return child to the classroom the following day.
9. Very important to inform parent to wait at least 7-10 days before 2nd treatment is given for continued lice.
10. If parent is not able to pick up child immediately follow these guidelines:

* Until the child is picked up, avoid any activity that involves the child in head-to-head contact with other children or sharing of any head gear.
* For children with long hair, provide for hair to be pulled up in pony tail.

1. For those parents that wish to seek medical advice from their PCP may do so but not mandatory as long as treatment is provided.