

# Exposure Notice to Families – Head Lice

Dear Family:

Your child may have been exposed to head lice at your Early Learning Center. Head Lice are tiny insects about the size of a small ant. Head lice feed on blood from the scalp and lay eggs on the hair shafts.

**What are the symptoms?** Itching of the scalp and/or nape of the neck, sores and scratch marks on the head. What you should look for is live insects and eggs on the hair and scalp.

**How is it spread?** Direct contact with the hair of infected persons or sharing of combs, brushes, hats, blanket, or bedding.

**When do symptoms start?** 1 – 5 days after exposure to the infected person or contaminated items.

**Need to keep child home?** Yes, until treatment has begun.

If you suspect your child has head lice, call your health care provider for advice on treatment and notify your child’s classroom teacher. Please check your child weekly for a month. Look carefully in the areas behind and above the ears and at the nape of the neck.

Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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