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FREE Hearing & Vision Clinics in Jackson County

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NEWS RELEASE

Michigan law requires a child to have a hearing and vision screening before they enter kindergarten.

The Jackson County Health Department provides FREE screenings that fulfill the requirement for school entry.

Walk-in clinics are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm through the end of August.

The clinics are held at the Jackson County Health Department at 1715 Lansing Ave, Jackson, MI 49202, Second Floor, Room 246. No appointments are needed!

Why should your child be screened?

- Children often do not know that they have a hearing or vision deficiency
- Early diagnosis and treatment help prevent temporary difficulties from becoming permanent problems
- A child's hearing and vision impacts their success in school and their socialization
- 3% of children screened for hearing in Jackson County are referred to a physician for follow-up
- 13% of children screened for vision in Jackson County are referred to an eye doctor for follow-up

"The Hearing and Vision Programs are a wonderful provision for families in Michigan," says Brianna Visser, Hearing and Vision Program Coordinator. "Our free clinics and screenings give families the opportunity to act on a potential hearing or vision issue before it has a lasting impact on a child's development."

For more information, please call (517) 788-4395. Additional information is available on the Health Department website located at <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/467/Hearing-Vision-Screening-Program>

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