


QUICK START FACT SHEET
KEY PRINCIPLE: COMMUNITY/PUBLIC HEALTH

TOPIC: Screenings/Referrals/Follow-up
IDEA: Vision Screening Referrals and Follow-up

THE IDEA	GOALS	ACTION STEPS	RESOURCES	MEASURE OUTCOMES
<p>What areas do you want to focus on for improvement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screenings, referrals, and follow-up activities are secondary prevention strategies that detect and treat health concerns in their early stages often before signs and symptoms appear — and modify, remove, or treat them before the health concerns become serious. • Follow-up opportunities are missed once the initial referral is sent home. • Aim to follow-up on 100% of referrals, and set benchmark for medical follow through to get the services the child needs. 	<p>What exactly is it that you want to achieve?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement school nurse comprehensive referral follow up for grade 4 and grade 6 students based upon suggestions from (Neville, Raddi, & Velmer, 2015). • Implement use of Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) for grade 4 and grade 6 vision screening. http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/services/prevention  <p><i>Scan QR code to CBVI screening services</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement use of parent volunteers to assist with escorting students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider who will be affected and how? • Get buy-in for your initiative. Who are the individuals who must be involved and engaged in your initiative? • Who can lead the initiative? What partners/stakeholders should be involved? • What resources will be needed? (i.e. types of staff and required time; supplies and materials, equipment, other resources; estimated costs). • What are possible challenges and barriers? Reflect on these and think about possible solutions and strategies. • What is your timeline? • Do you have a short-term outcome to demonstrate early visible improvements? • How will you share/communicate your proposed initiative and with whom? • Have you thought about sustainability for your project? Will this be a project you can continue annually? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What resources can guide this project using evidence-based, best-practices? • Are there templates, information, guides already in place? • What are others doing? Find out about other initiatives. What are other schools, districts, states doing? Do not limit yourself to nursing-related initiatives. Be sure to ask what were the lessons learned. • Are there funding sources and grants that can help offset costs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you measure progress and success? • What are your outcome measures? • How often will you check and measure your progress? • Who will be responsible for collecting and reporting the information/data? • How will you evaluate your initiative to determine success?

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For more details on this project, see Chapter 5, Idea 2.