

More information about the Basic Screening Survey (BSS)

- **Overview of the Basic Screening Survey (from our July 22nd introductory call):** Go to <https://ihs-hhs.webex.com/ihs-hhs/lsr.php?AT=pb&SP=TC&rID=42645637&rKey=24797e7b3d7f4249&act=pb>.
- **Basic Screening Survey Form to be used:** See the attached form in PDF and Word formats
- **Is my site one of the randomly selected sites?** See the attached Excel spreadsheet for a listing of the BSS participating sites (some have been added or changed in the Navajo and Bemidji Areas – if you're in this Area, please contact your ADO)
- **Frequently Asked Questions:**
 1. **Our program already has a screening program in preschools. Do we still need to conduct the BSS with well-child visits in medical?** Yes, it is recommended to do this, as you will want your sample from various age groups (see attachment for expected samples broken down by age group).
 2. **What is the survey period?** Immediately after the upcoming training (either August 11th or 18th), the examiners can begin conducting the BSS. Data collection will continue until about November 15th but may be extended if Areas haven't reached the 400 sample minimum.
 3. **Can non-Indians be counted on the survey, such as at Head Starts?** No, this survey is for our Native American population. You may collect the BSS on others if you've done this in the past, but only submit those that are Native American.
 4. **How will survey data be released?** Survey data will be compiled and organized at an Area and National level. If a site wants to have local data, they can request that and Dr. Phipps will do it.
 5. **Do we stop at 400 children?** Remember that the 400 children are the Area minimum goal. Individual sites do not have to reach 400 themselves. For what is expected for individual sites, see the attachment. And no, an Area can surpass the 400 – 400 is a minimum goal for each Area.
 6. **Can we use data we've already collected?** Probably not; we would like everyone using the same BSS form and to have had the training which will be offered on both August 11th and 18th.
 7. **Can DHATs be examiners?** Yes
 8. **Do we need to conduct the BSS on other than Head Start children?** Yes – see the attachment for the different age cohorts and what is being requested for each.
 9. **Can tribal sites participate in the BSS?** Yes. It is important to get local buy-in for conduction of the BSS. If a site does not have an examiner (dentist or hygienist) or says that they can't participate, then ask if they're receptive to the Area Dental Officer or Area Dental Support Center conducting the survey at the site.
 10. **What if some of the sites in our Area refuse to participate or can't participate for some reason (no examiner, not enough patients, etc.)?** Please notify Dr. Kathy Phipps as soon as you know of this situation, and she can randomly select another site in your Area.
 11. **Whose responsibility is it to contact the sample sites?** The Area Dental Officer and the Dental Support Center in the Area (if they have a Dental Support Center).

12. **Who is required to attend the 8/11 or 8/18 training?** All dentists and hygienists who wish to be examiners for the BSS.
13. **Will the training be recorded?** Yes
14. **Are we required to attend both the trainings?** No, just either 8/11 or 8/18
15. **What if one or more of our sites refuse to participate?** Notify Kathy Phipps immediately so that another random selection can be made.
16. **Does each site participating have to do the BSS on 400 children?** No, 400 is the minimum for each AREA. Look at the spreadsheet previously sent to see how many are required from each site.
17. **Is this surveillance part of the ECC Initiative?** YES. The Basic Screening Survey conducted this year will serve as the baseline data for the Initiative so that we can measure its effectiveness in the future.
18. **How many examiners do we need at each site?** It depends on workload, the number of children the site is expected to screen, etc. At least one, but it could include multiple examiners at each site.
19. **What if we don't meet the November 15th deadline for collection of data?** The deadline may be extended; what is most important is that we have the minimum of 400 for each Area.
20. **How long is the training on 8/11 and 8/18?** 45 minutes to 90 minutes, depending on questions.