



HOW TO INTERACT WITH CHILDREN SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY

- Make it “Fun”.
- NEVER be alone in a room or confined space with a child.
- Have a teacher, school nurse, or teacher’s aide help line the children up and keep them occupied until it’s their turn.
- Try not to have the waiting children interact with the child being screened.
- Don’t have too many children lined up at one time.
- Smile at the children all the time.
- Do not show frustration if a child is not cooperating. Retest on another day if necessary.
- Always tell the children that they did a “Great Job”.
- Do not touch children. If they need direction in standing/sitting in the proper location or L-prompts such as a touch on the shoulder, have the school personnel do this. Do not do it yourself.
- Give clear instructions as to where the child should look. Again, make it a game. When the screening results are obtained, tell the child “You win”.
- If you give the children stickers after the screenings, you should hand it to them so the child can place it on himself or herself. You may hand the stickers to the school personnel for placement, but do not place it on the child yourself.
- Be mindful of what you say during a screening. Remember that you represent the Lions and children will repeat what they hear to their parents and teachers.