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Child and Teen Checkups provides back-to-school health screenings

With fall just around the corner, it's not too early to make back-to-school plans. When you pick up your children's new clothes and school supplies, add their Child and Teen Checkups program appointments to your back-to-school checklist.

Regular health screenings

Crow Wing County Child and Teen Checkups promotes regular vision exams, dental checkups, and doctor visits—including health screenings, vaccinations and physicals—so health problems can be diagnosed and treated early, before they become more complex and treatment becomes more costly.

“Vision exams are a good example of the importance of regular health screenings for children,” said Denise Sjodin, Crow Wing County public health nurse and Child and Teen Checkup Outreach Coordinator. “Signs of vision problems include squinting, problems reading, or being unable to see distant objects or the whiteboard in the classroom.”

Sports physicals

Since some young athletes start practicing for extra-curricular fall sports in the summer, a “sports physical” is another reason to schedule their Child and Teen Checkup health screening. Depending on their age or grade level, a sports physical may be required to participate. It helps to have the exam scheduled in advance so your athlete can turn in the sports-physical paperwork to the coaching staff on time.

Give your children a healthier start to the school year by scheduling their Child and Teen Checkup appointments today!

Child and Teen Checkups – Health screenings for kids

Local healthcare providers offer Child and Teen Checkups to Crow Wing County residents through age 20 on Medical Assistance.

The program provides medical, dental, and vision exams from participating providers in Crow Wing County. More information, including a current list of local Child and Teen Checkups providers, can be found at www.ChildAndTeenCheckups.com or by calling 1-877-724-1080. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting participating providers and asking for a Child and Teen Checkup.

The Child and Teen Checkups program is federally required by the Social Security Act and is administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and Crow Wing County.

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Community Services expends more than \$163 million dollars annually, of which 4.66%, \$7.6 million is funded by the county levy. In 2015, total program costs were \$163,133,479 with Medical Assistance programs being the highest spending area at \$110 million, or 67.5% of the total program costs. Social Service programs represent the second largest portion of the total at \$41.4 million, or 25.4%. Cash assistance programs were 6.3% of the total at \$10.2 million. While this is a large portion of the county budget we have seen a significant decrease. For example, from 2009 to our proposed 2017 budget, we have reduced tax levy dollars by \$1,209,306, a decrease of 14.3%.

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