

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency

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Hearing and Vision Clinic Day!

Coldwater, MI. The St. Joseph County Office of the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Department will be holding a Hearing and Vision Clinic Day on **November 13th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** for all homeschoolers or children who have missed their screening date at their preschools/kindergarten round-ups. Hearing and vision screening is a mandatory requirement for all children entering schools. In addition, online students may also be requested to have their hearing and vision screening completed by their schools.

According to Madonna Hilarides, Hearing and Vision Screening Coordinator, "Children with an undiagnosed hearing and/or vision problem may experience developmental delays and/or learning problems. By offering **free screenings** by certified technicians, we hope to catch issues early on so that every child can have a successful educational experience." Michigan law requires hearing and vision screenings for all students prior to kindergarten entry.

Steve Todd, Health Officer adds "Statewide - approximately 10% of children screened for vision and 5% of those screened for hearing are referred to a specialist. Expanding this clinic to those who we may have missed being screened by offering a special clinic day is vitally important."

Screenings will be conducted, by appointment, at the St. Joseph County Office, which is located at 1110 Hill Street, Three Rivers, MI. Scheduling an appointment is simple. Call 269-273-2161, ext. 209 to secure your slot! To learn more about the hearing and vision program, just visit our website at www.bhsj.org and click on the 'Clinic Services' button located at the top.

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