



## CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### **Children Required to Have Hearing and Vision Screening**

The Calhoun County Public Health Department continues offering required hearing and vision screenings for children age three to five years old, living in and attending school in Calhoun County, including home-schooled children.

Hearing and vision screenings are available at no cost to all Calhoun County residents.

Appointments are available to children ages three (3) to five (5) years old are available now through August 26, 2011 at the Calhoun County Public Health Department located at 190 E. Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek. Please contact Heidi Fast at (269) 969-6389 to schedule.

According to the State of Michigan, Public Health Code, Act 368, all children registered for the first day of school must present to school officials a certificate of vision testing or screening or statement of exemption. Screenings may be administered by a Calhoun County Public Health Department technician, a licensed medical or osteopathic physician, or a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. One vision screening or exam must be performed between age three and the first day of Kindergarten.