




Interoffice Memorandum

February 22, 2024

AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

THRU: Venerria L. Thomas, Director, 
Community and Family Services Department

FROM: Sonya L. Hill, Manager
Head Start Division
Contact: Sandra Moore, (407) 836-8913
Sonya L. Hill, (407) 836-7409

SUBJECT: **Consent Agenda Item – March 5, 2024**
Orange County Head Start Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria for
2024-2025. All Districts

The Head Start Division requests Board approval of Orange County Head Start Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria for 2024-2025. The eligibility priority selection criteria is required to establish a formal selection process, as mandated by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 and Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.14 which indicates that a program must annually establish selection criteria that weigh the prioritization of selection of participants, based on community needs identified in the community needs assessment as described in §1302.11 (b).

The eligibility priority selection criteria is used to determine the selection of eligible children for the Head Start Program. The eligibility priority selection criteria was approved by the Head Start Policy Council on February 15, 2024.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Orange County Head Start Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria for 2024-2025 to establish a formal selection process for eligible children and families. All Districts.

SH/sm;ms

Orange County Head Start

Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria for 2024-2025

Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria Requirements	Current Points 2023-2024	Proposed Points 2024-2025	Source
Age Criteria			
4 years	95	95	HSPPS
3 years	55	55	HSPPS
Eligibility Criteria			
Homeless McKinney Vento Act	500	500	HSPPS/CA 2022 Page 51-53
Homeless with limited English proficiency/unsheltered McKinney	510	510	HSPPS/CA 2022 Page 53
Foster Child	400	400	HSPPS
Public Assistance: Currently in TANF/SSI/SNAP	100	100	HSPPS/CA 2022 Page 42 & 96-100
Income eligible: 0%-25% Poverty Level	125	125	HSPPS
Income Eligible: 26%-50% Poverty Level	100	100	HSPPS
Income eligible: 51%-75% Poverty Level	75	75	HSPPS
Income eligible: 76%-100% Poverty Level	50	50	HSPPS
Over Income: Over 100% Poverty Level	0	0	HSPPS
Disability Criteria			
Diagnosed (Public School IEP)	300	300	CA2022 Page 58-60
Diagnosed (documented by professional)	100	100	CA2022 Page 58-60
Suspected (documented by professional)	25	25	CA2022 Page 58-60
Parent concerns (with no documentation)		10	CA2022 Page 58-60; Program Data Report 3501
Family Risk Factors (choose all that apply)			
Child Abuse/Neglected (documented by an agency)	10	10	CA2022 Page 75
Family without Access to Medical Care	10	10	CA2022 Page 62
Currently, one or both parents/legal guardians are unemployed and looking for employment	10	10	CA 2022 Page 38
Currently, income earned is not enough to cover rent and basic needs	10	10	CA 2022 Page 37 & 108
Foster, Kinship, legal guardian, relative caregivers (documented by an agency) or due to incarcerations of parents, substance abuse by parents, illness, disability, death, etc.	10	10	CA 2022 Page 75
Grandparents Caregivers or guardian	10	10	CA 2022 Page 75
Immigrants/Refugees (documented by an agency)	10	10	CA 2022 Page 26
Unauthorized immigrants unaffiliated with any agency	10	10	CA 2022 Page 26
Single Parent	10	10	CA2022 Page 29
Limited access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation	10	10	CA2022 Page 36

Food insecurity (lack of food during the month/without food stamps)	10	10	CA 2022 Page 70 & 108
Child without access to medical care	10	10	CA 2022 Page 62
Child/family lack of English proficiency	10	10	CA 2022 Page 26-31
A sibling currently enrolled in Early Head Start or Head Start		10	CA 2022 Pge 28,40, 79, 96,97, 108
Child risk factors			
Health chronic illness (documented by an agency)	10	10	CA 2022 Page 65
Child nutritional needs (special diet/WIC- Documented by a professional	10	10	CA 2022 Page 69
Transition and Continuation of Services			
Transitioning from Early Head Start/Head Start Program	200	200	HSPPS
2023-2024 Eligible Waitlisted Child	10	10	

Revision Date: December 14, 2023

Policy Council Approval Date: February 15, 2024

Board Of County Commissioners (BCC) Approval Date: _____

Chart Legend:

HSPPS: Head Start Program Policy Standard

CA: Community Assessment

Orange County Head Start

3501 - Management Report - Disability

Program Term: Head Start 2023-2024, Enrollment Status: Enrolled, Dropped, Drop/Wait, Drop/Accept, Completed

Agency Summary - Orange County Head Start

Children	Concerns by Category			Concern Activities		Children with an IEP or IFSP (% of funded enrollment)	Received Services	Primary Disability
		Open	Closed	ActivityType	Status			
600 Funded:	Cognitive	2	6	Communication		1486	Open IEP 154 10.0%	Autism 12
	Multiple Concerns	59	80	Concern Closed	Complete	288	Closed IEP 0 0.0%	Deaf-blind 1
1536	Other	1	6	Concern Identified		351	Open IFSP 0 0.0%	Non-categorical/developme 98
	Perceptual Motor	3	5	Concern Identified	Awaiting Feedback	1	Closed IFSP 0 0.0%	Specific learning disability 1
	Private Evaluation Pri	1	1	Concern Identified	Awaiting Parent Conse	1	Total Open 154 10.0%	Speech or language impair 42
	Social Emotional	0	1	Concern Identified	Complete	3	Total Closed 0 0.0%	
	Speech/Language	175	138	Concern Identified	Complete	3		
	Unspecified	60	51	Concern Identified	Evaluated - Eligible for	1		
	Totals	301	288	Concern Identified	Pending	229		
	Total children with an open concern (% of funded enrollment)	299	20%	Concern Identified	Referral Needed	1		
				Concern Identified	Referral Not Needed	2		
	Closed Reasons:			Evaluation		316		IEP / IFSPs Due
	Child Dropped	17		Evaluation	Evaluated - Eligible for	1		Past Due 46
	Condition Resolved	27		IEP Meeting		96		Next 30 days 13
	IEP in Place	95		IEP Meeting	Complete	1		More than 30 days 95
	ISP in Place	75		IEP Meeting	Evaluated - Eligible for	1		<blank> 0
	Not Eligible	26		ISP Meeting		173		
	Parent Refused	11		MDT Meeting		28		
	Referral Not Needed	37		Observation		10		
				Other		172		
				Parent Conference		5		
				Referral - External		368		