

# Hidalgo County Head Start Program

## Policy Council Regular Agenda

**DATE:** April 25, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Discussion/Approval of Amendment to Priority Ranking for Selection

**RATIONALE/NEED:** Proposed amendment would facilitate the Program in meeting the 10% enrollment quota of children with disabilities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends approval.

**COST:** None

**RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDES:** Memorandum and Revised Priority Raking for Selection

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**INITIATED BY:** Irma E. Pena, Family Services Director 

**REVIEWED BY:** Edmundo Garcia, Assistant Program Director 

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**  \_\_\_\_\_




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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Teresa Flores, Executive Director

**FROM:** Irma Peña, LBSW – Family Services Director 

**DATE:** April 17, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Amend Priority Rankings for Selection

**CC:** Hidalgo County Head Start Policy Council  
Edmundo Garcia & Nora Muñoz, Assistant Program Directors

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After meeting with Ms. Connie Horta, Special Services Director and Assistant Directors, Mr. Garcia and Ms. Muñoz, I would like to recommend that an amendment be made to the Priority Rankings for Selection in Priority Ranking #3. Allowing the opportunity of children with disabilities whose family's income is within the 100% thru 130% of the poverty guidelines would facilitate the program in meeting the 10% enrollment quota of children with disabilities.

The highlighted area is the addition to the existing selection criteria:

“Children who are 3 or 4 years old of age who are **DISABLED. Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines; or 100% thru 130% of the poverty guidelines.** 10% of enrollment opportunities are available to children with disabilities. Once the program has met the 10% enrollment quota, children with disabilities and non-disabled children will compete equally based on need as described in Priority Rankings. **Ref: 1308.5(c)(4).** “

Thank you in advance for your thought and consideration to my recommendation.

## Hidalgo County Head Start Program Priority Rankings for Selection



<b>Priority Ranking</b>	<b>Selection Criteria</b>
1	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of families who are <b>HOMELESS</b> . <i>Must be income eligible within 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
2	<b>FOSTER</b> children who are 3 or 4 years of age who are under the guardianship of Child Protective Services (Child's income only) <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
3	Children who are 3 or 4 years old of age who are <b>DISABLED</b> . <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines or the 100% thru 130% of the poverty guidelines.</i> 10% of enrollment opportunities are available to children with disabilities. Once the program has met the 10% enrollment quota, children with disabilities and non-disabled children will compete equally based on need as described in Priority Rankings. <b><u>Ref: 1308.5(c)(4)</u></b>
4	Children who are 3 and 4 years of age of families that receive <b>TANF or SSI</b> benefits. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i> <b><u>Ref: 1305.2(l) and OHS-PC-I-016.</u></b>
5	Children who are 3 and 4 years of age, whose <b>parent(s) are disabled or elderly (60+ yrs.)</b> <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
6	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of <b>single parents</b> who work full time, or are full time students or are in training for 30+ hours. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
7	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of a <b>two parents household</b> , who both work full time, or full time students or are in training for 30+ hours. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
8	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of <b>single parents</b> who are unemployed. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
9	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of <b>two parents household</b> where one parent is employed, in school, or in training and the other is unemployed. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
10	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age to <b>two parent household</b> , where both parents are unemployed. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
11	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age whose <i>families' income is between 100% thru 130% of the poverty guidelines.</i>

*Grantee Board Approval: 2/28/2012  
Policy Council Approval: 2/15/2012*