



Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Policy Council Regular Agenda

DATE: March 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Discussion/Approval of Revised Priority Rankings for Enrollment for Program Year 2016-2017

RATIONALE/NEED: The Hidalgo County Head Start Program will amend the Priority Guidelines to include ranking for children on wait lists and Early Head Start Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

COST: N/A

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDES: Revised Priority Rankings for Enrollment For Program Year 2016-2017

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: Leresa Flores 



Hidalgo County Head Start Program Priority Rankings for Enrollment

Priority Ranking	SELECTION CRITERIA
1	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of families who are HOMELESS . <i>Must be income eligible within 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
2	FOSTER 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 DISABLED . <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. <u>Ref: 1308.5(c)(4)</u>
4	Children from Head Start waitlist, <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
5	Children from Early Head Start , <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
6	Children who are 3 and 4 years of age of families that receive TANF benefits. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i> <u>Ref. 1305.2(1) and OHS-PC-1-016</u>
7	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age, whose parent(s) are active in the "Uniformed Services" of the United States. Uniformed services are Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i> <u>Ref. Sec. 645(a)(3) of the Head Start Act; 37 USC 101; 37 USC 310; USC 403; 10 USC 2871-2872 and 2882.</u>
8	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age, whose parent(s) are disabled or elderly (60+ years). <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines</i>
9	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of single parents 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>
10	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of a two parent household , 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>
11	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of single parents who are unemployed. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% income poverty guidelines.</i>
12	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age of two parents household where one parent is employed, in school, or in training and the other is unemployed. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% income poverty guidelines.</i>
13	Children who are 3 and 4 years of age of two parent household , where both parents are unemployed. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i>
14	Children who are 3 and 4 years of age of families that receive SSI benefits. <i>Must be income eligible within the 100% poverty guidelines.</i> <u>Ref: 1305.2(l) and OHS-PC-I-016.</u>
15	Children who are 3 or 4 years of age whose <i>families' income is between 100% thru 130% of the poverty guidelines.</i> (Note: No children who fall within this ranking will be enrolled until all other rankings are exhausted).

Policy Council Approval:
Grantee Board Approval: