



Interoffice Memorandum

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BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEB 24 2015 CS/BS

AGENDA ITEM

January 29, 2015

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs  
and  
Board of County Commissioners  
THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director  
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SUBJECT: Orange County Head Start  
2015-16 Program Year Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria  
BCC Meeting 2/24/15 Consent Agenda/All Districts

The Head Start Division requests Board approval of Orange County Head Start 2015-16 Program Year Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria. 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 1305.6.

The eligibility priority selection criteria awards more points for at-risk children and families with lower income at or below 100% of the poverty level. The Head Start Policy Council approved the eligibility priority selection criteria at its meeting on November 20, 2014.

This standard eligibility priority selection criteria is used to determine the selection of eligible children for the Head Start Program. The County Attorney's Office and Risk Management have previously reviewed the eligibility priority selection criteria for legality and compliance with County requirements.

**ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Orange County Head Start Program Year 2015-16 Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria to establish a formal selection process for eligible children and families.**

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Wanzo Galloway, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office  
John Petrelli, Director, Risk Management and Professional Standards  
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Jamilie Clemens, Grants Supervisor, Finance Division  
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Category		Points
A	Age	
	4 years	95
	3 years	55
B	Categorically Eligible	
	Foster Child	95
	Homeless (McKinney Vento Act)	95
	Currently in TANF benefits	95
	Currently in SSI benefits	95
	Income	
	0%-25% below the poverty guideline	95
	26%-50% below the poverty guideline	85
	51%-75% below the poverty guideline	75
	76%-100% below the poverty guideline	65
	100% - Over DIAGNOSED DISABLED CHILD ONLY	0
Over Income – NO Disability	0	
C	Disability	
	Diagnosed (Public School IEP)	95
	Diagnosed (Documented by Professional)	75
	Suspected (Documented by Professional)	25
D	2014-2015 Waiting List Child	
	2014-2015 Waiting List Child	25
E	Family Crisis/At Risk:	
	Homeless Family (McKinney Vento Act)	55
	Domestic Violence (documented by Agency)	55
	Child Abuse/Neglected (Documented by Agency)	55
	Incarcerated Parent (Documented by Agency)	55
Alcohol, Drug Abuse, or Mental Illness (documented by Agency)	55	
F	Other Factors:	
	Teen Parent – 17 years old or less	25
	Military Deployed (Documented by Agency)	5
G	Parental Status	
	Foster Parent	25
	Legal Guardian / Relative Caregiver	25
	One Parental	25
H	Agency Referral	
	DCF/Court Referral	15
	OCPS Early Steps	15
	Other Head Start Program	15
	Other Early Head Start	15
	Kinship / Caregiver Assigned by DCF/ Court	15
	Homeless (Referral)	15
Orange County Community Partners	15	