



Interoffice Memorandum

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AGENDA ITEM

March 25, 2015

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
and
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director *DL for LCB*
Family Services Department

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SUBJECT: Orange County Head Start
2015-2016 Program Year Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria
BCC Meeting 4/7/15 Consent Agenda/All Districts

The Head Start Division requests Board approval of Orange County Head Start 2015-2016 Program Year Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria. The eligibility priority selection criteria is required to establish a formal selection process, as mandated by Head Start. This item had previously been approved by the Board on February 24, 2015. However, the eligibility priority selection criteria was revised to comply with the final rule relating to Head Start Program Performance Standard 45 CFR, Part 1305 issued on February 10, 2015.

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. This will ensure the neediest children and families benefit from Head Start services first. The Head Start Policy Council approved the eligibility priority selection criteria at its meeting on February 20, 2015.

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.

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ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Orange County Head Start 2015-2016 Program Year Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria to establish a formal selection process for eligible children and families.

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**Orange County Head Start
2015-2016 Program Year Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria**



CATEGORY		Points
A	Age	
	4 years	95
	3 years	55
B	Categorically Eligible	
	Foster Child	95
	Homeless (McKinney Vento Act)	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
	101-130% - Over DIAGNOSED DISABLED CHILD ONLY	0
131% - Over Over Income	0	
C	Disability	
	Diagnosed (Public School IEP)	95
	Diagnosed (Documented by Professional)	75
	Suspected (Documented by Professional)	25
D	2014-2015 Waiting List Child	25
E	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	Teen Parent – 17 years old or less	25
	Military Deployed (Documented by Agency)	5
G	Foster Parent	25
	Legal Guardian / Relative Caregiver	25
	One Parent	25
H	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