



Policy: Disability Point System

CAI Head Start Program ensures that no less than ten percent (10%) of enrollment slots are made available to children with disabilities, including those with severe disabilities. This enrollment goal is achieved by collaborating closely with community partners throughout the process of recruitment, selection and enrollment. Once enrolled, these children will receive all services to which they are entitled under the Head Start Program performance standards.

Rationale:

To make the point system/procedure more clear and concise.

To ensure that all child with disabilities and/or concern points accurately reflect the level of services needed or being used.

To ensure that the child rises to the top of the selection and enrollment list, so that Head Start can best serve their needs.

Procedure:

When applications are received that indicate a child has a disability, copies of all disability and special needs records (ARD's with IEP goals, evaluations, private therapy reports and medical paperwork within the last 6 months) are sent to the Disability & Mental Health Coordinator. These documents are reviewed and based upon the information provided; points are awarded to the child with a disability.

Not diagnosed with disability, Noted concern by Medical Doctor or Private Agency	3 points
Diagnosed with disability, Referral from Medical Doctor or Private Agency for services	5 points
Diagnosed with disability, Currently enrolled with Private Agency Program	7 points
Diagnosed with disability, Applying to ECI/ISD Program for services	10 points
Diagnosed with disability, Currently enrolled with ECI/ISD Program	25 points*
Diagnosed with disability, Currently enrolled with ECI/ISD Program (inclusive setting)	25 points

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