ERSEA

Task: Selection Criteria

When an enrollment application is accepted	Person Responsible	Time Frame
Any supporting documentation will be gathered and	•	
reviewed:		As soon as
• Proof of Age	Family Advocate	all
• Proof of Income		necessary
Verification of homelessness or foster care Disabilities to appropriate in an armount of the second s		documents are received
Disability documentation Any other relevant documentation		are received
Any other relevant documentationThe Selection Criteria Form will be completed as		
follows:		
 Determine the family size (as defined in HSPPS 		
1305.2) List this in the appropriate area at the top		
right of the form.		
• Enter the Child's Name.		
 Enter the Family Income. 		
 For each section choose the option that best 		
matches the family's status		
• Determine the family's income status:		
 If the Child has documentation of being in foster care assign 999 points and list it in the 		
Foster Child row under the Assigned Points		
column.		
 If the Child has documentation of being 		As soon as
homeless assign 999 points and list it in the	Family	all
Homeless row under the Assigned Points	Advocate	necessary
column.	Havocate	Documents
o If anyone in the family has documentation of		are received
being on public assistance assign 500 points		
and list it in the Public Assistance row under		
the Assigned Points column.If none of the above apply, calculate whether		
the family is under or above the income		
guidelines using the most current poverty		
guidelines available and assign points in the		
appropriate row. This is calculated by		
ChildPlus once the income information has		
been inputted.		
• Determine the child's age as of August 15th of the		
current school year. (This is calculated automatically		
by ChildPlus.) Assign points in the appropriate row.		
*note: if a child is over 5 years old they are not		

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eligible for Head Start. If a child is under three they are not eligible until after their third birthday. • Determine the family type and assign points in the appropriate row under Family Type. • If there is a diagnosed or suspected disability the HSM must review the supporting documentation and approve the assignment of points. Once such approval has been obtained, the HSM will initial the form and assign points in the appropriate row. • Determination of other factors: • If the family has a current DCS case assign 100 points and note how this was verified in the comment section. • If the family was referred by another service agency assign 80 points and note which agency referred them in the comment section. • If the family has a current crisis assign 60 points and note what type of crisis in the comment section. • If the family is need of childcare, assign 40 points. • If the family is in transition, assign 60 points. • If either parent is unemployed due to the inability to find or keep a job assign 40 points and list which individuals in the comment section. • If a member of the family has a chronic health condition which creates a hardship on the family assign 20 points and specify the health condition, and who has it.		
3. The staff member who verified the documents and completed the form will sign and date in the appropriate area.	Verifying Staff Member	Upon Completion
4. The information from the Selection Criteria Form will be entered into ChildPlus. The selection criteria totals must match on both the paper copy and under enrollment tab.	Family Advocate	
5. The Selection Criteria Form will be scanned into the application section of ChildPlus, along with application information. The "Pre-Enrollment Checklist" found under the enrollment tab will then be completed as appropriate.	Family Advocate	Immediately after entry
6. The Selection Criteria Form and application documents will be reviewed for accuracy.	Family Services Manager	During EOM Meeting

7.	If accurate, the FSM will sign and date in the appropriate area. If inaccuracies are found, the Selection Criteria Form will be returned to the Advocate to be revised. If needed, additional training will be provided on the proper use of the Selection Criteria.	Family Services Manager	Upon review
8.	Until acceptance, the family advocate is to keep the selection criteria and application documents in a locked file cabinet in the family advocate office. Once a child is accepted and enrollment interview has been completed, a file is made for the child and kept in the file cabinet at Central Office in the appropriate classroom drawer.	Family Advocate	Upon enrollment and once all signatures are obtained

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