

Tri-County Community Council, Inc.
Head Start/Early Head Start

Part: 1302 Program Operations

Subpart: C-Education and Child Development Program Services

Section: 1302.33 Child Screenings and Assessments

Subject: Child Screening and Assessment (Ineligible for Intervention)

Policy:

Head Start/Early Head Start eligible children will be referred in collaboration with each child's parent and with parental consent and relevant information for further evaluation. If, after the formal evaluation, the local agency responsible for implementing IDEA determines the child is not eligible for intervention, the program will seek guidance from a mental health or child development professional to determine if the child's formal evaluation shows a delay.

Procedure:

1. The program will seek guidance from a mental health or child development professional (such as Life Management/ Florida Therapy) to determine if the formal evaluation shows the child has a significant delay in one or more areas of development that is likely to interfere with the child's development.
2. If the child has a significant delay, the program will partner with the parent to help the family access services and support to help address the child's identified need.
3. The program will provide the necessary modification to the environment, multiple and varied formats to instructions, and individualized accommodations and supports necessary to enable the full participation of children with disabilities.
4. The program staff will document working with the child in the classroom on the Child's Individualized form and place the form in the child's comprehensive file.
5. The program will ensure all individuals with disabilities are protected from discrimination and provided with all services and program modifications required by section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
6. The program will use child health insurance or any local resources to provide additional services and support to the child and family.

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7. If no other source of funding is available, Head Start/Early Head Start funds may be used for such services and support.

8. The Disability Specialist will document and track the process in ChildPlus.