

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

Part: 1302 Program Operations

Subpart: B- Program Structure

Section: 1302.22 Home-based Option

Subject: Home-based Option

Policy:

Tri-County Community Council Early Head Start provides the home-based option in addition to their center-based option. The home-based option provides the full range of services that include Education and Child Development (with the exception of 1302.30-1302.32), Health, Family and Community Engagement (with the exception of 1302.34), Children with Disability, and Transition program services.

Procedure:

1. The Early Head Start home-based option serves infant/toddlers and pregnant women.
2. The home visitor's caseload will not exceed 12 families.
3. The home visitor will visit each family 1.5 hours a week for a total of 46 visits a year.
4. The home visitor will make every attempt to make-up home visits that are cancelled by the family. If the home visitor has to cancel a home visit, then the visit will be rescheduled with the family.
5. There will be a minimum of at least 16 Stay and Plays (Socializations) annually. There will be two a month with the exception of a couple of months when only one Stay and Play will be scheduled.
6. The home visitor will follow the following safety practices when choosing the locations to hold Stay and Plays – The area will be clean and free of pests; free from pollutants, hazards and toxins; free from all hazards that could cause harm to children; good lighting with emergency lighting available; well stocked first aid kit that includes fire safety supplies; free from harmful weapons; and defined areas for food prep, cooking, eating, and toileting/diaper changing areas.