

MARC Head Start – Selection Criteria

2022-2023

Child Name: _____ Program Option: _____ Date: _____

Site: _____ Worksheet (Form 5050) Total Points: _____ ChildPlus Total Points: _____

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Requirements		
Federal and State	Income: Age: <i>Early Head Start</i> <i>Head Start</i> Disability: Service Area: Non-Restrictive Requirements: Immunizations: Physical Exam Physical & Dental Exams	Based on Federal poverty guidelines and HSPPS requirements Age 0 – 3 years, pregnant woman Age 3 by Public School Cutoff date or prior to Enrollment Diagnosed/verified Jackson, Clay and Platte County Zip Codes According to State of Missouri guidelines; immunizations at or before time of enrollment <i>Satisfactory written evidence that the child has begun the process of, or is exempt from immunizations.</i> Physical Exam within 30 days following entry into program (State licensed facilities); Physical and Dental Exams within 90 days following entry into program (Federal guidelines)
	Age Eligibility: Income Eligibility: <i>(circle only one)</i> *Documentation must be present within the file	Child is Age Eligible for Early Head Start [Points determined by ChildPlus] <input type="checkbox"/> Child is Age Eligible for Head Start [Points determined by ChildPlus] <input type="checkbox"/> Child/Family is Income Eligible* [Points determined by ChildPlus] <input type="checkbox"/> Child/Family is Over-Income* [Points determined by ChildPlus] <input type="checkbox"/> TANF/SNAP [Income Status in ChildPlus as Public Assistance] * 150 SSI [Income Status in ChildPlus as Public Assistance] * 150 Homelessness [Income Status in ChildPlus as Homeless] * 200 Foster Child [Income Status in ChildPlus as Foster Child]* 200
C	Special Needs Eligibility Criteria: (circle all that apply) *Documentation must be present within the file	Child with Diagnosed Special Needs [Current IEP or IFSP; Mental Health Diagnosis] * 150 Medically Fragile * 100 Developmental Screening Results* 40 Suspected Needs/Parent Concerns 40
	Parent Eligibility: (circle only one)	EHS ONLY: Pregnant Woman Applying for Unborn Child 40 Non-parental [Guardian/Grandparent/Relative/Kinship Care/Traditional Foster Care] 40 One Parent 30 Two Parent 20
	High Social Service Need Eligibility: (circle all that apply)	Domestic Violence 30 Diagnosis of Disability/Mental Health/Substance Abuse of Parent/Guardian/Sibling 30 Immigrant/Refugee to the United States 30 Family in Transition 30 Family in Crisis 30 Incarcerated Parent(s)/Probation & Parole 30
	Circumstances Affecting Families Eligibility: (circle all that apply)	Referral by Health/Medical, Educational, Social Service, or other Resource Agency 20 Non-completion of Secondary Education, GED or HiSET 20 Primary Language in Home Other than English 20 Currently in Active-Duty Military 20
	Employment/Training Eligibility: (circle all that apply)	All Parents are Currently Working Full-Time/Part-Time 20 All Parents are Currently Enrolled in Post-Secondary School/Training 20

Continuity of Care Eligibility: <i>(circle all that apply)</i>	Child Transitioning from EHS to HS Sibling Group	150 50
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Selection Criteria Clarifications and Definition:

Age Eligibility:

***Age Eligible for Early Head Start:** Applicant is a child between the ages of birth to 3 years old or a pregnant teen/woman

***Age Eligible for Head Start:** Applicant is a child between the ages of 3 to 5 years old by the Public-School Cutoff date or prior to enrollment

Income Eligibility: ***[Documentation must be present within the file for all the following criterion]**

***Income Eligible:** Applicant's family gross annual income is at or below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines.

***Over Income:** Family's total gross annual income is greater than 100% of the federal poverty guidelines. Refer to ERSEA Policy, Procedure and Form 5030 for further guidelines.

***TANF/SNAP/SSI:** Child's family is eligible or, in the absence of childcare, would potentially be eligible for TANF, SNAP or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

***Homelessness:** Family is currently homeless according to the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness.

***Foster Child:** Child enrolling is a foster child. Foster care is a 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the state agency has placement and care responsibility. This includes but is not limited to placements in foster family homes, foster homes of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, and state assigned pre-adoptive homes.

Special Needs Eligibility Criteria: ***[Documentation must be present within the file for all criterion except for Suspected Needs/Parent Concern]**

***Child with Diagnosed Special Needs:** Diagnosed disability - child has an IFSP through First Steps or IEP through the school district; Child with a mental health diagnosis through a qualified mental health professional.

***Medically Fragile:** Child has a diagnosed health condition that requires a provider specially trained to meet his/her needs; a diagnosed health condition that severely impairs his/her ability to participate in routine activities throughout the day; a child that requires appliance/equipment for breathing, eating or drainage; or a child that is dependent on mechanical support (wheelchair, walker, etc.) for mobility. **This does not include: Diabetes, Asthma, or Food Allergies. When in doubt, consult with your Health and Disabilities Coordinator.**

***Developmental Screening Results:** One area of delay as defined by a standardized screening tool.

Suspected Needs/Parent Concern: Developmental, social/emotional, mental health, or behavioral needs suspected/parent or agency has concerns

Parent Eligibility Criteria:

***EHS ONLY Pregnant Woman:** Applicant is pregnant.

***Non-Parental:** Child is under the informal and/or legal care of a Guardian, Grandparent, Relative, is in Kinship Care or Foster Care.

***One Parent:** Parent/Guardian of child applying does not share the parenting responsibilities with another person at home who meets the HSPPS definition for "Family".

***Two Parent:** Parents/Guardians of child applying who share the parenting responsibilities with each other at home and meet the HSPPS definition for "Family".

High Social Service Need Eligibility Criteria:

***Domestic Violence:** Parent/guardian reports there has been a domestic violence history within the home of the applying child.

***Diagnosis of Disability/Mental Health/Substance Abuse of Family Member:** Family member [excluding applicant] is diagnosed with a disability, serious illness, mental health diagnosis, or family reports there is a substance abuse history within the home of the applying child.

***Immigrant/Refugee to the United States:** Family of applicant has relocated to the United States.

***Family in Transition:** Parent/guardian reports a change in life that requires some sort of adjustment in the family's life. (e.g. change in custody or placement of enrolling applicant, getting married; changing jobs/loss of employment; divorce, a teen parent under the age of 20, separation from parents; applicant has recently moved or relocated, etc.)

***Family in Crisis:** Parent/guardian reports a sudden disruptive event that has caused a major change within the family (e.g. sudden loss by death/terminal illness of an immediate family member; victim/witness of a violent crime; victim/witness of emotional, physical, or sexual trauma, recent diagnosis of a health issue, utility shut off notice, eviction notice, etc.)

***Incarcerated Parent(s)/Probation & Parole:** Parent/guardian is currently residing within a local/state or federal jail/prison, is currently on parole or probation or has a history of incarceration.

Circumstances Affecting Families Eligibility:

***Referral from Another Resource Agency:** Applicant was referred by an outside professional agency or health provider in support of a concern or circumstance listed on the MAHS selection criteria. (e.g. Parents As Teachers, Drug/Alcohol treatment center, WIC, DSS-Children's Division, and KCPD Victim's Advocate Unit, LEA, Health Facility, etc.)

***Non-completion of Secondary Education, GED, or HiSET:** Adult parent/guardian has not earned a High School diploma; GED; HiSet.

***Primary Language in Home Other than English:** The primary language used in the home is not English.

***Currently in Active-Duty Military:** Parent(s) are currently not living within the home due to serving in an active-duty regiment of the USA armed forces.

Employment/Training Eligibility Criteria:

***Currently Working Full-Time/Part-Time:** All parent(s)/guardians are currently working at time of application and require care for the child to maintain their employment status.

***Currently Enrolled in Post-Secondary School/Training:** All parent(s)/guardians are currently in school or receiving training at time of application and require care for the child to maintain their enrollment in school/training status.

Continuity of Care Eligibility Criteria:

***Child Transitioning from EHS to HS:** Child is transitioning from EHS to HS.

***Sibling Group:** Applicant is a sibling or part of a sibling group that is enrolled or eligible for enrollment.