

Early Head Start Enrollment Point System 2025/2026

Federal Poverty Guidelines

- 10 Within Income Guidelines (includes public assistance recipients, foster care children, homeless families, and certain SSDI recipients)
- 5 130% of Poverty Guidelines
- 0 Over 130% of Poverty Guidelines

Applicant Age Considerations

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| 5 | Age 0 – 12 months | 15 | Pregnant mother in 1 st trimester |
| 4 | Age 13 – 24 months | 10 | Pregnant mother in 2 nd trimester |
| 3 | Age 25 – 35 month | 7 | Pregnant mother in 3 rd trimester |

Situational Concerns

- 5 Prenatal Parent – Not interested in Home Base
- 5 Pregnant teen applicant 17 years of age or younger
- 3 Pregnant teen applicant 18 or 19 years old
- 3 Teen Parent
- 5 Documented disability of child
- 3 Suspected disability of child
- 3 Not receiving prenatal care after 2+ months pregnant
- 3 Child/Family Safety Concerns
- 3 Lack of support for parent (from either family or community resources)
- 3 Family has written referral from another agency
- 5 Homeless Family (according to McKinney-Vento definition)
- 5 Foster Care placement
- 5 Verified Need for Respite Care
- 3 Repeater
- 1 Repeater (non-consecutive years)

Circumstantial Considerations (1 point each)

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| -Chemical Dependency Issues within Family | -Single Parent |
| -Parent Educational Needs | -Blended Family |
| -Multiple expectancy of mother | -Unemployment |
| -Additional Risk Factors (ARF) | -Parent Incarceration |
| -Significant Parent Mental Health/Disability | -Informal Need for Respite Care |
| -High Risk Pregnancy | -Current Head Start Employee |

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