Eligibility of Child with Other Impairments
Policy/Procedure

Children with other impairments are eligible for special education services. Criteria include:

1. The purposes of this classification, "Other impairments," are:
   - To further coordination with LEAs and reduce problems of record keeping;
   - To assist parents in making the transition from Head Start to other placements; and
   - To assure that no child enrolled in Head Start is denied services which would be available
to other preschool children who are considered to have disabilities in their State.

2. If the State Education Agency eligibility criteria for preschool children include an additional
   category which is appropriate for a Head Start child, children meeting the criteria for that
   category must receive services as children with disabilities in Head Start programs. Examples
   are "preschool disabled," "in need of special education," "educationally disabled," and "non
   categorically disabled."

3. Children ages three to five, inclusive, who are experiencing developmental delays, as defined
   by their State and as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures, in one
   or more of the following areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication
   development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development, and who by reason thereof need special education and related services may receive services
   as children with disabilities in Head Start programs.

4. Children who are classified as deaf-blind, whose concomitant hearing and visual impairments
   cause such severe communication and other developmental problems that they cannot be
   accommodated in special education programs solely for deaf or blind children are eligible for
   services under this category.

5. Children classified as having multiple disabilities whose concomitant impairments (such as
   mental retardation and blindness), in combination, cause such severe educational problems
   that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for one of the
   impairments are eligible for services under this category. The term does not include
   deaf-blind children, for record keeping purposes.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 45 CFR Section 1304.21, 1308.17
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