Enrollment/Selection Criteria for Children with Disabilities
Policy

Arrowhead Head Start integrates children with disabilities in the program through all options and no child will be denied placement on the basis of a disability or the severity of the disability. The key factor in selecting appropriate placement is the IEP (Individual education Plan) or IFSP (Individual Family Service Plan), number of children in the service area, and availability of slots.

Procedure:
1. All applicants will follow the selection point system for Head Start (ages 3-5) and Early Head Start. The Disabilities Manager will review all applications that indicate a disability and assign points. Documentation that a child has an IEP or IFSP will be required.
2. Applicants will be prioritized according to points and needs. At the initial program enrollment, 10% of the applications will be selected for each program area and option for children with disabilities.
3. Once the program has made 10% of its enrollment opportunities available to children with disabilities, applicants (either with or without a disability) will compete for the remaining slots. This will be based on age, income, location/transportation as well as individual site situation and circumstances.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 45 CFR Section 1305.60, 1308.5
See Enrollment Point System

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