

# Revised

## EOCF POLICIES Children with Special Needs

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**COMPONENT:** Education

**POLICY STATEMENT:** Children with special needs shall receive complete program services.

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE:** To inform personnel of our policies for children with special needs.

**PROCEDURES/GUIDANCE:**

1. No child will be denied admission solely on the basis of the nature or extent of a special needs condition, unless there is a clear indication that such a program experience might prove detrimental to the child.
2. Ten percent of enrollment opportunities are available to children with special needs. Outreach and recruitment procedures have been established that give special consideration to children referred from other community agencies, children with a diagnosed disability, current IFSP or IEP.
3. Procedures have been instituted including confidentiality of program records to ensure that no individual child or family is mislabeled or stigmatized with reference to special needs condition.
4. Assessment of a special needs condition is carried out as an ongoing process and a child is not assessed only once and considered to be in only one category. Periodically, program staff, in consultation with appropriate community agencies, will assess each child's condition, evaluate his/her progress and determine services to be provided after the child leaves the program.
5. Early Head Start children with special needs will be placed on an IFSP when applicable and abide by IDEA's Part C regulations.