



Eligibility Requirements

- **Age**
 - Infants and toddlers under the age of three are eligible for Early Head Start at child care centers and under the age of four in family child care.

- **Income**
 - Families with a gross income below the Federal Poverty Level (100%)
 - OSU-EHS can enroll families who are over income using the following guidelines:
 - 10% of families over 130% - typically reserved for children with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
 - an additional 35% of families between 100%-130%
 - Families who are eligible for or receiving
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Ohio Works First (OWF)
 - Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC)

- **Categorically Eligible**
 - Regardless of income, a family is eligible if:
 - They are homeless as defined in the McKinney Vento Act; (ie: children are sharing the housing of another person due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason, living in motels, living in a shelter, awaiting foster placement, etc)
 - Child is in foster care
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Verifying Eligibility

- **Child's Age**
 - Acceptable forms of documentation: birth certificate, proof of birth, health insurance card, passport, printed immunization record
- **Income**
 - Acceptable types of income are: W-2, pay stubs, written statement from employer, SS benefits, unemployment, child support, public assistance benefits

Selection

- Applicants are selected for Early Head Start based on selection criteria
 - The criteria is divided into five sections and designates points for each category within the section. The number of total points indicates the need for services and ensures families with the highest priority are enrolled first.
 - Families affiliated with Directions for Youth and Families, Community Properties of Ohio, and Moms2B participants will receive priority as well as children with disabilities.

