



**Eligibility for Head Start and Early Head Start Programs are based on the following:**

**Residency:** Families must live in one of the following cities/towns to enroll in an EBCAP early childhood program: Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Jamestown, Prudence Island, Little Compton, Tiverton, Bristol, Warren, Barrington, or East Providence (including Riverside and Rumford).

**Age:** Pregnant women and children ages 0-5

**Eligibility:** Children/families who meet the following criteria are prioritized for enrollment in EBCAP Head Start and Early Head Start programs:

Family is receiving public assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Family income is at or below 100% of the federal poverty level

Family is experiencing homelessness

Child is in foster care

Children with special needs

Families who have experienced recent or past trauma

Once all prioritized families are identified and served, other families who do not meet the above criteria may be enrolled.

**Selection process:** Upon receiving an application, a member of our enrollment team will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) and complete an “Eligibility Interview.” During this process, staff will obtain required documents and ask a list of questions to learn about child and family’s needs. Once “Eligibility Interview” is completed, points are assigned to the application and the applicant will be placed on waitlist(s). Applicants with higher points will have the higher priority to be selected for available seats.