

GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM (GSRP) Program Eligibility Factors Defined

Child Eligibility Factor	Definition/Documentation
1. Low Family Income	<p>Definition: Equal to or less than 250% of federal poverty level (FPL).</p> <p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document gross income. • Copy of income verification on file: previous year’s tax forms, paycheck stub, DHS child care verification form, subsidized meal form including income calculation, or staff signature verifying family produced the document and income was verified. • Include income of family members legally responsible for support of child.
2. Diagnosed disability or identified developmental delay	<p>Definition: Child is eligible for special education services or child’s developmental progress is less than that expected for his/her chronological age, or chronic health issues cause development or learning problems.</p> <p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral or diagnosis from physical or mental health system or provider, or other early childhood program • Early On® transition referral at age three • Special education referral; developmental concerns noted, but not eligible for services • Individualized Education Plan (IEP) • Screening assessment results combined with professional or parental referral • Specific diagnosis on health form
3. Severe or challenging behavior	<p>Definition: Child has been expelled from preschool or child care center.</p> <p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion from other preschool/child care programs. • Social services or medical referrals. • Parent interview questions/report. • Legal report or restraining order. • Staff documentation on home visits or other contacts.
4. Primary home language other than English	<p>Definition: English is not spoken in the child’s home; English is not the child’s first language.</p> <p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview question: “What language is spoken in your home?” • Parent or advocate report.

<p>5. Parent/guardian with low educational attainment</p>	<p>Definition: Parent has not graduated from high school or is unable to read.</p> <p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent report. • School report, record, or referral.
<p>6. Abuse/neglect of child or parent</p>	<p>Definition: Domestic, sexual, or physical abuse of child or parent; child neglect issues. Child Protective Services report.</p> <p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent report. • Court or police report. • Restraining order in domestic violence situation. • Family received services in a 0-3 Secondary Prevention Program. • Medical report. • Community knowledge of family. • May be discovered on home visits.
<p>7. Environmental risk</p>	<p>Definition: Parental loss due to death, divorce, incarceration, military service, or absence;</p> <p>Documentation: • Parent report. • Divorce and custody papers. • Death certificate. • Other legal forms. • Deployment orders. • Letter from facility.</p> <p>Definition: Sibling issues;</p> <p>Documentation: • Legal or medical report. • Parent report. • Agency referral</p> <p>Definition: Teen parent (not age 20 when first child born);</p> <p>Documentation: • Birth certificate. • Ages of siblings.</p> <p>Definition: Family is homeless or without stable housing;</p> <p>Documentation: • Address records. • Custody orders. • Parent report. • Social services or medical referral.</p> <p>Definition: Residence in a high-risk neighborhood (area of high poverty, high crime, with limited access to critical community services); or Documentation: • Parent report. • Staff report (may be identified by staff at home visit).</p> <p>Definition: Prenatal or postnatal exposure to toxic substances known to cause learning or developmental delays.</p> <p>Documentation: • Medical or hospital records. • Parent report. • Social services referral.</p>