

## **PART-DAY STATE PRESCHOOL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The agency partners with State Preschool in order to provide a full day program at various sites in our agency. In order to qualify for the program, the child must meet eligibility for both Head Start and State Preschool. Below are the eligibility requirements for State Preschool.

### **A. General Requirements- CSPP (Child State Preschool Program)**

(Education Code 8208 and 48000; 5 CCR 17749)

1. CSPP services, except as otherwise provided for in law, shall be limited to:
  - a. CSPP eligible four-year-old children, as defined in Education Code 8205;
  - b. CSPP eligible three-year-old children, as defined in Education Code 8205;
  - c. Children enrolled in TK or K enrolling in the CSPP for extended learning and care during the hours outside of the TK or K program if their families meet the requirements of EC 8208
  - d. Kindergarten-age eligible children receiving full-day services during the summer immediately prior to their enrollment in kindergarten. These children must have received full-day services as a CSPP eligible four-year-old on or before June 30 of that year, and may only receive services until the start of K or September 30, whichever is sooner, at which point they must be disenrolled.

### **B. Eligibility Criteria For Part-Day CSPP Services**

A family shall meet the eligibility criteria as follows:

1. Family is a current aid recipient;
2. Family is income eligible;
3. Family is experiencing homelessness; or
4. Family has children who are recipients of child protective services, or are identified as at risk of being abused, neglected, or exploited.

5. Family has a member of its household who is certified to receive benefits from Medi-Cal, CalFresh, the California Food Assistance Program, the California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, the federal Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, Head Start, or Early Head Start. Children eligible for services pursuant to this subparagraph shall be prioritized by the income declared on the application for the means-tested government program.

6. Family has children with exceptional needs, as defined in Education Code 8205. Only the children in the family who are children with disabilities may be enrolled under the eligibility criteria of this subparagraph. Any other child in the family without exceptional needs may be enrolled pursuant to any of the criteria established in subparagraphs (1) to (5), inclusive.

After all otherwise eligible families have been enrolled, a part-day CSPP may enroll:

1. Children from families whose income is no more than 15% above the eligibility income threshold. Children from families enrolled under this exception may not exceed ten percent of the participating CSPP's total contract enrollment. Children with disabilities from families with incomes above the income eligibility threshold, shall not count towards the 10 percent limit of families above the income eligibility threshold.

2. After all children have been enrolled pursuant to the above subdivisions, part-day CSPP Neighborhood School sites operating within the attendance boundaries of a qualified FRPM school may enroll CSPP three- and four-year-old children whose families reside within the attendance boundary of a qualified FRPM school without establishing eligibility.

3. After all children have been enrolled pursuant to the above subdivisions, part-day CSPP sites may enroll children enrolled in TK and kindergarten if their families are eligible for services pursuant to EC 8208.

Contractors enrolling families for part-day services shall establish a family's eligibility once at the time of enrollment.

### **Waitlist for Head Start/State Preschool**

The agency shall utilize the CSPP waiting list in conjunction with the Head Start program waiting list and enroll children in the following priority order:

1. First priority shall be given to CSPP age eligible children that have been identified at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation or who are receiving child protective services;

2. Third priority shall be given to CSPP eligible four-year-old children from families that meet Head Start income guidelines, and have the lowest income ranking based on the most recent income ranking schedule adopted by the SSPI
3. Fourth priority shall be given to CSPP eligible four-year-old children from families that meet applicable Head Start priorities as stipulated in the Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance requirements (45 CFR Section 1305).
4. Fifth priority shall be given to CSPP eligible three-year-old children from families that meet Head Start income guidelines, and have the lowest income ranking based on the most recent income ranking schedule adopted by the SSPI; and
5. Sixth priority shall be given to CSPP eligible three-year-old children from families that meet applicable Head Start priorities as stipulated in the Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance requirements (45 CFR Section 1305).