

FCESS Eligibility Categories

Developmental Delay: 33% delay in one or more of the following areas, as determined by a multidisciplinary evaluation. Specific diagnoses are not a necessary requirement for this eligibility category.

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Communication development
- Social or emotional development
- Adaptive development

Established Condition: means a child, birth through age 2, with a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay, even if no delay exists at the time of referral. Included, at a minimum, are these conditions:

- Chromosomal anomaly or genetic disorder
- Inborn metabolic fault
- Congenital malformation
- Severe infectious disease
- Neurological disorder
- Sensory impairment
- Severe toxic exposure
- Severe attachment disorder
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum disorder
- Lead Poisoning
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Other

Atypical Behavior: as documented by the family and qualified personnel including:

- Extreme fearfulness or other modes of distress that do not respond to comforting by caregivers
- Self-injurious or extremely aggressive behaviors
- Extreme apathy
- Unusual and persistent patterns of inconsolable crying
- Chronic sleep disturbances
- Regressions in functioning
- Absence of pleasurable interest in adults and peers
- Inability to communicate emotional needs
- Persistent failure to initiate or respond to most social situations

At Risk for substantial developmental delay by experiencing a total 5 or more of the following:

Affecting the child:

- Birth weight less than 4 pounds (1, 814.37 grams)
- Respiratory distress syndrome
- Gestational age less than 27 weeks or more than 44 weeks
- Asphyxia
- Infection
- History of abuse or neglect
- Prenatal drug exposure due to mother's substance abuse or withdrawal
- Nutritional problems that interfere with growth and development
- Intracranial hemorrhage grade III or IV
- Homelessness;
- Other

And/or, documented conditions, events or circumstances affecting a parent including:

- Developmental disability
- Psychiatric disorder
- Family history of lack of stable housing
- Education less than 10th grade
- Social isolation
- Substance addiction
- Age of either parent less than 18 years
- Parent/child interactional disturbances
- Founded child abuse or neglect as determined by a district court
- Other