

	DHS Early Head Start Program Policy		
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SUBJECT	Individualization		
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Policy:

The program will provide individualized and responsive caregiving ~~and instruction~~ to meet each child’s unique characteristics, strengths, and needs, ~~taking into consideration the child’s gender, family composition, the cultural and linguistic background, to support their~~ pattern of development and learning.

Classroom teachers must document individualized caregiving, instruction learning experiences, and activities as well as large group, small group and one on one activities ointo lesson plans.

Home Visitors must document individualized learning experiences and activities ointo the HHome Visit Planning Form.

The Early Head Start (EHS) Program and Service Providers will work together to develop a system to ensure that the plan for individualized and responsive caregiving ~~and/or instruction~~ for each child is reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Information from the following will be used to plan individualized instruction learning experiences and activities:

- Formal and informal child assessments
- Input from parents regarding each child’s individual characteristics, interests, strengths and needs
- Developmental (ASQ-3), Behavioral (ASQ:SE-2) and Sensory (hearing and vision) screenings
- Medical/dental evaluations/treatments
- Wellness Contact Logs for ongoing wellness support (if applicable)
- An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for children with delays/disabilities (if applicable)
- Outside Agency Documentation (if applicable)
- Home Language Survey

Performance Standard(s): 1302.31 (c) (1); 1302.33; 1302.61

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