
	<b>DHS Early Head Start Program Policy</b>		
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY 2</b>			
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Class and Group Size Requirements		
<b>REFERENCE</b>	Environmental Health and Safety		
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### Policy:

The Early Head Start classroom sizes are determined based on square footage, with a minimum of 35 square feet per child indoor and 75 square feet per child for outdoor with no more than 8 children to a classroom. **Classroom Design**

Ages	Classroom Design
6 Wks -36 Months	All EHS classrooms, by design, will have no more than eight children enrolled per class. The integration of EHS enrolled children and non EHS children per classroom is encouraged.

### Group Size

Ages	Group Size
6 Wks -36 Months	Maximum of eight children enrolled per class. Two teachers with no more than eight children. Two teachers must be in the classroom at all times.

### Ratios

Ages	Ratios
6 Wks -36 Months	One teacher to four children with two teachers in the classroom at all times.

Service Providers must seek prior approval before any change to a classroom age group designation. As children age throughout the program, they may remain in their current classrooms until room becomes available in the next age-appropriate classroom.

### Performance Standard(s):

1302.21(b)(1)(2);

1302.94(a)(b)

