



2025-2026 Early Head Start Policy Index

		Change Required?	Description of Change made to current Policy
Disabilities			
1	Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for Children with Delays/Disabilities	Yes	updated language for supporting pattern and development and language from receiving documents
Education and Early Childhood Development			
3	Individualization	Yes	Grammar changes - capitalizing , replaced use of word instruction, reworded policy
6	Curriculum/Daily Schedule	Yes	Removed Curriculum from policy (moved to Policy 10). Revised Name of Policy.
10	Lesson Plans	Yes	Added Curriculum to policy. Revised policy name. Reworded policy - instruction and modifications
11	Discipline and Guidance	Yes	Reworded self control and added co regulation. Removed brief supervised separation.
14	Learning During Mealtimes	Yes	Added light-weight, plastic water bottles. Revised guidance for teachers engaging with children.
Environmental Health and Safety			
1	Safe Environment	Yes	Language regarding lead testing was removed and a new Environmental Health and Safety Policy 9 regarding lead was developed
3	Hygiene & Cleaning Practices	Yes	Language was added to better align with HSPS. Language was removed from the policy and will be used to develop procedures regarding hand washing, hygiene and sanitation
5	Emergency Preparedness	Yes	Minor edit - mental health emergencies and safety concerns added to the policy
7	Diapering and Toilet Training	Yes	Minor edit - extra clothing and communication with parents was added to the policy
8	Staffing and Supervision	Yes	Minor edit - wording added to one sentence for clarification regarding staffing
9	Lead Testing	Yes	New Policy - Removed lead testing information from policy 1 and created new policy 9
ERSEA			
10	Suspension and Expulsion	Yes	Policy title edited and updated language for clarification to align with Head Start
Family and Community			
5	Research-Based Parent Curriculum	Yes	Minor edit - Upated to align with Head Start policy, removed language around modifying the research based parent curriculum
Health Services			
2	Lead Screening	Yes	Language updated to align with Head Start policy
3	Preventative Health Visit Requirements and Documentation	Yes	Language updated to align with Head Start policy and incorporated mental health into the policy
4	Parent Refusal of Health Services	Yes	Language updated to align with Head Start policy
6	Critical Health Concerns	Yes	Language updated to align with Head Start policy and incorporated mental health into the policy
Program Design and Management (PDM)			
2	Standards of Conduct	Yes	Language upated
4	Training and Professional Development	Yes	Language updated to include guidance related to training requirements for staff
6	Staff Qualifications and Competency Requirements	Yes	Language added to align with Head Start Policy regarding PreK teacher qualifications
10	Personnel	Yes	Minor edit - sentence restructured to provide clarification
11	Program Governance	Yes	Language updated to align with Head Start policy regarding training for PC
16	Staff Safety Training	Yes	Language added to provide clarification regarding training requirement
Wellness Support Services (Mental Health)			
1	Identification of Mental Wellness Needs and Provision of Intervention through Mental Wellness Support Services	Yes	Language revised.