

Early Childhood Assistance Program - Questions and Answers

Deadline: 03/20/2017

eligibility determination

Who will be responsible (program/vendor or state agency) for determining a families eligibility for ECAP spots in the program and filling spots available?

Posted On: 2/6/2017

Answer

The program is responsible for determining a family's eligibility for ECAP seats and thus filling seats available based on the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) on eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, and attendance. For requirements on determining eligibility, please see HSPPS 1302 Subpart A—Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance:

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-subpart-eligibility-recruitment-selection-enrollment-and-attendance> .

Answered On: 2/13/2017

Last Updated On: 2/13/2017

Answered By: |

sustainable funding

How is continued funding for slots available paid if a family leaves during the contracted year. Is payment based solely on spots available or filled?

Posted On: 2/6/2017

Answer

Total funding outlined in a program's contract is based on full enrollment of seats for the entire program year. Programs invoice at the start of every month based on the number of enrolled ECAP-funded children during the previous month of services. At the start of the program year, seats must be filled within the first 30 days. For example: A program with 20 seats would have a contract for 20 seats. If a program had only 19 enrolled ECAP-funded children for the month of January, they can only invoice for those 19 seats on February 1st. If the program became fully enrolled at 20 for the month of February, they could resume invoicing for 20 seats on March 1st. It is up to each program to be able to fill all available ECAP-funded, contracted seats. For more information on how programs are required to maintain full enrollment, please see Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.16:

Attendance: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-16-attendance> .

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Community Assessment

I have researched the information needed for the community assessment, regarding the percentage of children needing services, children with disabilities, homeless children and expectant mothers in our geographical area and have had no luck. Do you have any suggestions for finding this information?

Posted On: 2/8/2017

Answer

In Section 2: Service Delivery, we ask for programs to:

- Describe the needs of children and families in your geographic service area. Refer to Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.11 for community assessment requirements. Specifically include:
 - o The estimated number of eligible children three and four years old by geographic location who need at least 160 days per year, five days per week, 3.5 hours per day of contact hours (direct services);
 - o Data regarding the education, health, nutrition, social service, child care, and other service needs of proposed children and families, and the existing resources in your area that meet those needs;
 - o The needs of children with disabilities; dual language learners; homeless children; children involved in the child welfare system and receiving foster care; working families; as applicable. This request is to learn how you determine your geographic service area's needs, which informs your program's recruitment, eligibility, and selection process and thus your enrollment decisions. Your submission can also include a description of your process of how you gathered the information on community strengths, needs, and resources as outlined in the bullet points above.

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Number of Seats

With the respect to requesting the number of seats our program currently has a total of 147 ECAP seats. Are we able to request seats that would maintain our current funded ECAP enrollment?

Posted On: 2/10/2017

Answer

A total of 845 ECAP seats will be available statewide, funded at no less than \$7,100.00 per seat. Programs can submit proposals for seats in increments of five, with a minimum of ten seats per

proposed ECAP site. Therefore, a request for total enrollment will need to be in a multiple of five. Seats previously awarded to programs are not pertinent to this application.

Answered On: 2/15/2017

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May we "roll out" ECAP programming over the three years?

We are currently not an ECAP program, but we have a long waiting list, and many of our local families live at or below the poverty line. We may need to remodel some of the classrooms that we want to use to be at full capacity, so are we allowed to roll-out the ECAP program over the three years? For example, if we are awarded 100 slots, are we allowed to enroll 50 ECAP children in year one (and only accept funding for 50), 75 ECAP children in year two (and only accept funding for 75), and enroll 100 ECAP children in year three?

Posted On: 2/13/2017

Answer

Programs need to apply with a consistent enrollment request for each year of the three-year RFP. Programs need to apply for seats based on the local need that can realistically be accommodated at the start of the first program year, July 1, 2017.

Answered On: 2/20/2017

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Professional Development

If our program is awarded ECAP slots/funds, how will we know if/when we are able to apply for additional funding to pay for professional development? Will that funding be available via a separate RFP?

Posted On: 2/13/2017

Answer

The cost of at least \$7,100.00 per seat is the cost of care awarded to programs to meet all of the requirements of an Early Childhood Assistance Program for that enrolled child. Total ECAP funding is based on the program's total number of enrolled children. Programs are expected to budget costs for professional development among all other costs needed to deliver high quality services to ECAP-funded children and their families. Programs are asked to provide their budgets in Attachment 13 to demonstrate how they will be allocating their ECAP funding across all line items.

Answered On: 2/24/2017
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ECAP Site Eligibility Requirements

Section 1, Page 2, Item 3 The language in the RFP states that hours must not begin before 8:00 AM and end no later than 1:00 PM for a 3.5 hour day. However in order to be complaint with the performance standards a program must have at least a 4.5 hour day. Please clarify.

Posted On: 2/14/2017

Answer

Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.21 delineates at least 3.5 hours per day for center-based options. The 3.5 hour day is a consistent minimum requirement for all programs applying to the ECAP RFP. Please see Head Start Program Performance Standard (HSPPS) 1302.21: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-21-center-based-option?language_content_entity=en HSPPS 1302.21 states: (2) Head Start. (i) Until a program is operating all of its Head Start center-based funded enrollment at the standard described in paragraph (c)(2)(iv) or (c)(2)(v), a program must provide, at a minimum, at least 160 days per year of planned class operations if it operates for five days per week, or at least 128 days per year if it operates four days per week. Classes must operate for a minimum of 3.5 hours per day.

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Deadline for Receipt of Proposals

Section 1, Page 1, Paragraph 1 compared to Section 4, Page 12, Paragraph 2. On page 1 of the RFP it states that the deadline for submission is March 20th at 3:00 PM, however on page 12 it states that the deadline for submission is March 10th by 3:00 PM. Please clarify the date for submission.

Posted On: 2/14/2017

Answer

Thank you for your clarifying question! We apologize for the miscommunication. The deadline for submission is correct in Section 1, Page 1, Paragraph 1. The deadline for RFP submission is Monday, March 20, 2017 at 3:00pm.

Answered On: 2/19/2017
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Eligibility

May a program use "English Language Learner" as a factor when determining a child's ECAP eligibility?

Posted On: 2/15/2017

Answer

A child can only be considered eligible for ECAP-funded enrollment if he or she meets the required age and income requirements and program's selection criteria. Please refer to age and income requirements as well as additional allowances within Head Start Program Performance Standard: 1302.12 Determining, verifying, and documenting eligibility: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-12-determining-verifying-and-documenting-eligibility?language_content_entity=en . Please also see selection process requirements in Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.14 Selection Process; specifically subsections (a) Selection criteria, (b) Children eligible for services under IDEA, and (c) Waiting lists: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-14-selection-process> as well as Frequently Asked Questions About Head Start: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/directories/apply/FrequentlyAsked.htm> .

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Purchase of Care

May a program use a child's eligibility for Purchase of Care as a factor when determining the child's eligibility for ECAP?

Posted On: 2/15/2017

Answer

A child can only be considered eligible for ECAP-funded enrollment if he or she meets the required age and income requirements and program's selection criteria. Please refer to age and income requirements as well as additional allowances within Head Start Program Performance Standard: 1302.12 Determining, verifying, and documenting eligibility: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-12-determining-verifying-and-documenting-eligibility?language_content_entity=en . Please also see selection process requirements in Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.14 Selection Process; specifically subsections (a) Selection criteria, (b) Children eligible for services under IDEA, and (c) Waiting lists: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-14-selection-process> as well as Frequently Asked Questions About Head Start: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/directories/apply/FrequentlyAsked.htm> .

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SSI?

May a program use a child's eligibility for SSI as a factor when determining that child's eligibility for ECAP?

Posted On: 2/15/2017

Answer

A child can only be considered eligible for ECAP-funded enrollment if he or she meets the required age and income requirements and program's selection criteria. Please refer to age and income requirements as well as additional allowances within Head Start Program Performance Standard: 1302.12 Determining, verifying, and documenting eligibility: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-12-determining-verifying-and-documenting-eligibility?language_content_entity=en . Please also see selection process requirements in Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.14 Selection Process; specifically subsections (a) Selection criteria, (b) Children eligible for services under IDEA, and (c) Waiting lists: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-14-selection-process> as well as Frequently Asked Questions About Head Start: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/directories/apply/FrequentlyAsked.htm> .

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Medicaid

May a program use a child's eligibility for Medicaid as a factor when determining that child's eligibility for ECAP?

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Answer

A child can only be considered eligible for ECAP-funded enrollment if he or she meets the required age and income requirements and program's selection criteria. Please refer to age and income requirements as well as additional allowances within Head Start Program Performance Standard: 1302.12 Determining, verifying, and documenting eligibility: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-12-determining-verifying-and-documenting-eligibility?language_content_entity=en . Please also see selection process requirements in Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.14 Selection Process; specifically subsections (a) Selection criteria, (b) Children eligible for services under IDEA, and (c) Waiting lists: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302->

14-selection-process as well as Frequently Asked Questions About Head Start:
<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/directories/apply/FrequentlyAsked.htm> .

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Electronic Pricing File

On page 11, under proposals -- applicants are advised to "provide a separate electronic pricing file from the rest of the RFP proposal responses". Can you provide clarification ? Is this referencing the budget worksheet ?

Posted On: 2/15/2017

Answer

For this request for proposal, the separate electronic pricing file referenced on page 11 is the same budget spreadsheet requested on page 8 under 11. Fiscal Management "Attach a cost-allocated budget spreadsheet and budget narrative using the template and guidelines provided for each proposed ECAP site." The template is Attachment 13- – Budget Spreadsheet and Narrative Preparation Guidelines and Budget Template. Therefore, please submit 1 electronic pricing file of your cost-allocated budget spreadsheet in addition to 5 paper copies and 1 electronic copy of your entire proposal.

Answered On: 2/24/2017
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Answered By: |

Number of Paper Copies

Can you clarify how many paper copies are required ? On page 11, it states five paper copies are required; on page 59 it states three paper copies required.

Posted On: 2/15/2017

Answer

Thank you for your clarifying question. Directions on Page 11 are correct; please submit 5 paper copies and 1 electronic copy of your entire proposal.

Answered On: 2/19/2017
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Answered By: |

Monthly Usage Report

Can you provide clarification on Attachment 7 - Monthly Usage Report ? Will this specific form be used (or modified) for reporting on the ECAP award ?

Posted On: 2/15/2017

Answer

Attachment 7 – Monthly Usage Reports are not applicable to this opportunity and do not need to be submitted for this proposal. They will not be used or modified for reporting on upon award.

Answered On: 2/20/2017

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Parent Committees

Our preschool program has a PTA, and our program members participate actively in the local Readiness Team. Must we form a new Parent Committee, as per Head Start Performance Standards (1301.4), if our parents/families already participate in the PTA and the Readiness Team meetings and initiatives?

Posted On: 2/15/2017

Answer

Please see narrative directions found on Page 3: “Your narrative should describe how you are currently implementing the following comprehensive services. If applicable within any numbered subsection, share any plans for improvements, such as implementing the 2016 Head Start Program Performance Standards, within the three-year contract. If you choose to include information that crosses multiple subsections, please reference the original section where it is first written.” Please describe your leadership and advocacy opportunities for parents as per directions found on Page 7 of the RFP: “Describe the leadership and advocacy opportunities that families have within the program. Include the responsibilities of parent committees, if applicable (HSPPS 1301.3-1301.6).”

Answered On: 2/24/2017

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Program Structure and Service Delivery

Section 1: Program Structure and Service Delivery Paragraph 2: Service Delivery Page 4 The needs of children with disabilities; dual language learners; homeless children; children involved in the child welfare system and receiving foster care; working families; as applicable. Current ECAP programs have

been serving children and families in the areas of 101% to 130% on the poverty guidelines, will the grant allow programs to continue serving this population?

Posted On: 2/16/2017

Answer

Yes; programs must follow selection criteria guidelines outlined in two Head Start Program Performance Standards referenced on Pages 4 and 5 of the RFP: 1302.11 Determining community strengths, needs, and resources: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-11-determining-community-strengths-needs-and-resources?language_content_entity=en and 1302.12 Determining, verifying, and documenting eligibility: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-12-determining-verifying-and-documenting-eligibility> .

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Program Structure and Service Delivery

Section 1: Program Structure and Service Delivery Paragraph 2: Service Delivery Page 4 The estimated number of eligible children three and four years old by geographic location who need at least 160 days per year, five days per week, 3.5 hours per day of contact hours (direct services). According to page 2 number 2 of the Early Childhood Assistance Program Site Eligibility Requirements, it states that “all programs must provide, at a minimum, 160 days per year, five days per week, 3.5 hours per day to contact hours (direct services) to ECAP-funded children. The 3.5+ hour day may start no earlier than 8:00 am and end no later than 1:00 pm to reach a minimum of 560 hours of direct services per program year.” Programs that operate at a minimum of 3.5 hours, but are located in local schools and share a classroom often serve children after 1:00pm, will this still be allowed?

Posted On: 2/16/2017

Answer

ECAP Site Eligibility Requirement #3 found on Page 2 of the RFP clarifies that the minimum number of ECAP direct services hours, hours funded by this award only, must be between 8am-1pm: “All programs must provide, at a minimum, 160 days per year, five days per week, 3.5 hours per day of contact hours (direct services) to ECAP-funded children. The 3.5 + hour day may start no earlier than 8:00 am and end no later than 1:00 pm to reach a minimum of 560 hours of direct services per program year .” Programs can serve ECAP-funded children before 8am or after 1pm, but those will not be considered ECAP contact hours (direct services).

Answered On: 2/24/2017

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Approach to School Readiness, Family and Community Engagement

Section 3: Approach to School Readiness, Family and Community Engagement Paragraph 5A Bullet 2: Page 6 Provide information on how the program’s physical environment, including the facilities space, materials, contributes to the learning and development of children and families. Current programs that are located in school districts often change location which may affect the STAR level from one year to the next. How will the Department of Education support these changes as it is needed as a requirement for this grant?

Posted On: 2/16/2017

Answer

ECAP Site Eligibility Requirement #6 found on Page 2 of the RFP states: “All proposed ECAP sites within the program must be participating in Delaware’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Stars ratings and have attained at least a Star Level 4.” Participating in Stars and attainment of at least a Star Level 4 is a requirement for all proposed ECAP sites in a program’s response to this RFP. If a proposed site moves its location within the three-year grant award, the program will be responsible for the new site’s immediate application to Delaware Stars. DDOE acknowledges the process timeline for Stars evaluation and will take this into consideration when working with awarded programs over the three-year grant and accordingly, each yearly contract.

Answered On: 2/24/2017

Last Updated On: 2/24/2017

Answered By: |

Funding/eligibility?

May a child in a 619 program be considered 619 eligible & ECAP eligible?

Posted On: 2/16/2017

Answer

Yes, a child in a 619 program can be considered ECAP eligible as long as he or she meets the program’s selection criteria. Please note that ECAP direct service hours for a child should only be funded with awarded ECAP funds. Please note guidance on Page 3: “DDOE will support all awarded programs in transitioning to the following standards by July 1, 2020; DDOE will work with programs to develop a layered funding model to achieve program goals.” Please see requirements in Head Start Program Performance Standard: 1302.12 Determining, verifying, and documenting eligibility: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-12-determining-verifying-and-documenting-eligibility?language_content_entity=en . Please also see selection process requirements in Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.14 Selection process; specifically subsections (a)

Selection criteria, (b) Children eligible for services under IDEA, and (c) Waiting lists: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-14-selection-process> . Please also note requirements in Head Start Program Performance Standards 1302 Subpart F – Additional Services for Children with Disabilities: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-subpart-f-additional-services-children-disabilities>.

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1 year or 3 year?

Page 3 of the RFP states that grant awards are for a three year period, but page 20, 2a states that the contract is for one year with two possible extensions for a period of one year each. Is the grant for three years, or for one year with the option for two extensions?

Posted On: 2/16/2017

Answer

This Early Childhood Assistance Program request for proposal is for a grant award for three fiscal years (FY), FY18-FY20, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Delaware Department of Education contracts are written for one fiscal year. Therefore, upon award, programs have a one-year contract for FY18 (7/1/17-6/30/18) to be renewed yearly up to two times for FY19 (7/1/18-6/30/19) and FY20 (7/1/19-6/30/20), as per the guidance on Page 3: “contingent upon availability of funding and that the grantee remains in good standing with federal and state agencies. Grantees will be monitored by the DDOE annually to assess fulfillment of above-stated eligibility requirements as well as progress toward grantee’s determined program goals as written in this application. All grantees will be required to adhere to DDOE’s monitoring requirements.”

Answered On: 2/20/2017

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Answered By: |

Overarching RFP question

Our ECAP program submitted our grant in 2014 for the 2015-2016 school year. Typically once granted this was for a 3 year period. Meaning our program would still be in that grant funding period. Is this still the case or do all ECAP programs apply through the RFP process to despite pervious grant success?

Posted On: 2/17/2017

Answer

Existing Early Childhood Assistance Program awards will end on June 30, 2017. All programs that are interested in applying for the next three fiscal years, FY18-FY20, and meets the requirements to be an Early Childhood Assistance Program need to apply through this request for proposal process, with submissions due Monday, March 20, 2017 at 3pm.

Answered On: 2/20/2017

Last Updated On: 2/20/2017

Answered By: |

Appendix B

Paragraph number: Personnel and Fringe Benefits Worksheet. Page Number: Page 1 of 1 Text of passage being questioned: 1: Base Annual Salary: If a district uses split sources of funding to support a salary, how is this recorded under the Base Annual Salary? 2. Fringe Rate: Is this where we record OEC rates? Where do we list the Health benefits?

Posted On: 2/17/2017

Answer

1. The district can record the portion of salaries that will be paid through this RFP grant award in a row on the Excel spreadsheet of Attachment 13 – Budget Spreadsheet and Narrative Preparation Guidelines and Budget Template. Notes to clarify any possible confusion can be added to the Budget Narrative to explain how employees may have split sources of funding. 2. Yes, the fringe rate is where OEC's are captured on the Personnel and Fringe Benefits Worksheet. The health benefits can also be listed and explained in the Budget Narrative.

Answered On: 2/23/2017

Last Updated On: 2/23/2017

Answered By: |

Section ECAP site Eligibility Requirements

Paragraph: Note for future requirements Page number: 3 Text of passage being questioned: • Awarded programs must submit plans for providing a minimum of 50% of ECAP-funded children 1, 020 contact hours with six-hour days, five days per week per program years. Questions: Is this saying that programs may not have half-day sessions and must all be full day? Our current program is a 175 day, five day a week program with a morning and an afternoon session.

Posted On: 2/17/2017

Answer

ECAP Site Eligibility Requirement #3 found on Page 2 of the RFP clarifies that the minimum number of ECAP direct services hours, hours funded by this award only, must be between 8am-1pm: "All

programs must provide, at a minimum, 160 days per year, five days per week, 3.5 hours per day of contact hours (direct services) to ECAP-funded children. The 3.5 + hour day may start no earlier than 8:00 am and end no later than 1:00 pm to reach a minimum of 560 hours of direct services per program year .” Programs can serve ECAP-funded children before 8am or after 1pm, but those will not be considered ECAP contact hours (direct services).

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ECAP and POC?

If a child is an ECAP funded student, may we accept POC to pay for before and after care for that student?

Posted On: 2/17/2017

Answer

Yes, a program may accept POC to pay for before or aftercare for an ECAP-funded child. Please note that POC eligibility does not necessarily mean that a child is categorically eligible; please see requirements in Head Start Program Performance Standard: 1302.12 Determining, verifying, and documenting eligibility: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-12-determining-verifying-and-documenting-eligibility?language_content_entity=en .

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ECAP Site Eligibility Requirements

All programs must serve preschool-aged children, defined as children who are at least three years-old after August 31st of the respective program year to kindergarten eligibility age, at most five-years-old on or before August 31st of the respective program year. Question: From our understanding, ECAP funding was to be extended to only four year old students. Can we now extend ECAP slots to three year old students, in addition to four year old students, if we are awarded the ECAP funding?

Posted On: 2/20/2017

Answer

Yes, programs can apply for seats for three-year-old and four-year-old children if there is a determined need proved by their geographic service area needs assessment. Please note ECAP Site Eligibility Requirement #3 found on Page 2 of the RFP: “All programs must serve preschool-aged children, defined as children who are at least three-years-old after August 31st of the respective

program year to kindergarten eligibility age, at most five-years-old on or before August 31st of the respective program year.”

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Additional POC Funding for ECAP Seats

Section 2, Paragraph 5, page 2, #3 under Early Childhood Assistance Program Site Eligibility Requirements: "All Programs must provide, at a minimum, 160 days per year, five days a week, 3.5 hours per week of contact hours (direct services) to ECAP-funded children. The 3.5+ hour day may start no earlier than 8am and end no later than 1pm to reach a minimum of 560 hours of direct services per program year." Question: If a center that chooses to apply is open 10.5 hours each day and the minimum required service hours per day is 3.5 per child for the ECAP, will Purchase of Care fund the other 7 hours of wraparound time for each child who chooses to stay for the full 10.5 hours?

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Answer

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Additional POC Funding for ECAP Seats

Section 2, Paragraph 5, page 2, #3 under Early Childhood Assistance Program Site Eligibility Requirements: "All Programs must provide, at a minimum, 160 days per year, five days a week, 3.5 hours per week of contact hours (direct services) to ECAP-funded children. The 3.5+ hour day may start no earlier than 8am and end no later than 1pm to reach a minimum of 560 hours of direct services per program year." Question: If a center that chooses to apply is open 10.5 hours each day and the minimum required service hours per day is 3.5 per child for the ECAP, will Purchase of Care fund the other 7 hours of wraparound time for each child who chooses to stay for the full 10.5 hours?

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Answer

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