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EARLY CHIDHOOD DEPARTMENT

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) funding gives priority to the most at-risk children; therefore, children receiving services provided with ECBG funding should not be dropped from the program for poor attendance. If attendance is a concern, the program should utilize program staff, including administrators, teachers, social workers, family educator, and/or district attendance officer to call and/or visit the family. Staff should provide the family with guidance, help, and resources for avoiding chronic absenteeism and promoting regular attendance. If after conducting outreach and working with the family to get the child to school, the child may be unenrolled IF the child has had six weeks of consecutive absences (no attendance for six weeks with no intermittent attendance days). This does not include planned, extended absences. The program should document all attempts made to work with the family. The child's family should be notified of the disenrollment, and a child from the program's waitlist should be enrolled in the empty spot. If there is no waitlist, the student should remain enrolled in the program. This is not an expulsion for behavioral reasons