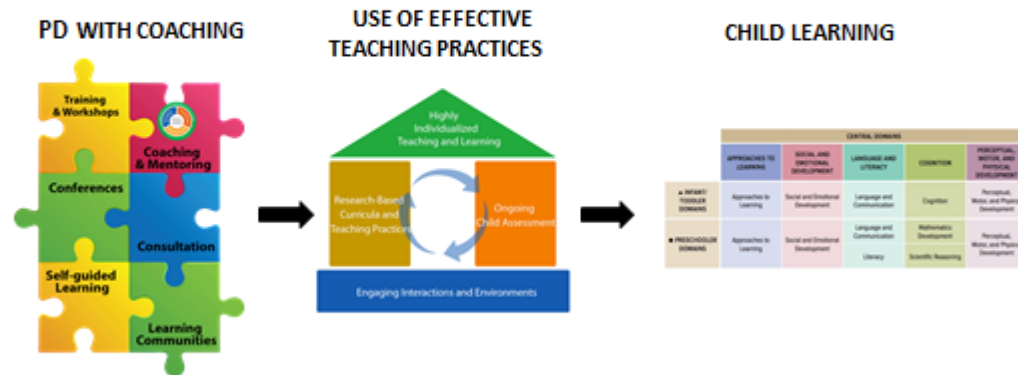


From coaching to child outcomes



Process overview.

(1) Program staff must:

(i) conduct an in-person interview with each family, unless paragraph (a)(2) of this section applies;

(ii) verify information as required in paragraphs (h)-(j) of this section; and,

(iii) create an eligibility determination record for each enrolled participant according to paragraph (l) of this section.

(2) Program staff may interview the family over the telephone if an in-person interview is not possible. In addition to meeting the criteria provided in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, program staff must note in the eligibility determination record reasons why the in-person interview was not possible.

(b) Age eligibility requirements.

(1) For Early Head Start, except when the child is transitioning to Head Start, a child must be an infant or a toddler younger than three years old. A pregnant woman may be any age.

(2) For Head Start, a child must:

(i) be at least three years old; or,

(ii) turn three years old by the date used to determine eligibility for public school in the community in which the Head Start program is located; and,

(iii) not be older than compulsory school age.

(3) For Migrant or Seasonal Head Start, a child must be younger than compulsory school age by the date used to determine public school eligibility for the community in which the program is located.

(c) Income eligibility requirements.

(1) A pregnant woman or a child is eligible, if:

(i) the family's income is equal to or below the poverty line; or,

(ii) the family is eligible or, in the absence of child care, would be potentially eligible for public assistance.

(2) If the family's income is above the poverty line, a program may enroll a pregnant woman or a child who would benefit from services. These participants can only make up to 10 percent of a program's enrollment in accordance with (d).

**2016 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.	
1	\$11,880
2	16,020
3	20,160
4	24,300
5	28,440
6	32,580
7	36,730
8	40,890