

Target Population Examples

1. High-Need Characteristics

- a. Teen Parents: Parent(s) under the age of 20 years during the program year
- b. Child with Disabilities or Chronic Health Condition: Child being served has a physical, cognitive, emotional or health-related condition or impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, or qualifies the child for services under IDEA Part C
- c. Parent with Disabilities or Chronic Health Condition: Parent has a physical, cognitive, emotional or health-related condition or impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, or qualifies the child for services under IDEA Part C
- d. Parent with Mental Illness: Parent has a diagnosis of a thought, mood, or behavior disorder (or some combination) associated with distress and/or impaired functioning
- e. Low Educational Attainment: Parent did not complete high school or GED and is not currently enrolled
- f. Low-Income: Families eligible for Free and Reduced Lunches, Public Housing, Child Care Subsidy, WIC, Food Stamps, TANF, Head Start/ Early Head Start, and/or Medicaid
- g. Recent Immigrant or Refugee Family: One or both parents are foreign-born and entered the country within the past 5 years
- h. Substance Abuse: Parent has used or is currently using substances despite adverse social, interpersonal, legal, medical or other consequences
- i. Court-Appointed Legal Guardians and/or Foster Care: Child has court-appointed legal guardians or is in foster care
- j. Homeless and Unstable Housing: Lives in emergency/transitional housing or in a place not intended for regular housing and/or moved more than twice in the past year due to problems with housing
- k. Incarcerated Parent(s): Parent(s) is incarcerated in a local jail, state or federal prison or was released from incarceration within the past year
- l. Very Low Birth Weight: Birth weight is under 1500 grams or 3.3 lbs.
- m. Death in Immediate Family: The death of the child, parent or sibling
- n. Domestic Violence: Parent is involved in intimate partner violence
- o. Child Abuse or Neglect: Suspected or substantiated abuse/neglect of child or sibling(s)
- p. Military Family: Parent/guardian is currently deployed or is within two years of returning from a deployment as an active duty member of the armed forces. "Deployment" is defined as any current or past event or activity related to duty in the armed forces involving an operation, location, command or duty that is different from his/her normal duty assignment.

2. Unserved Children:

- a. Children who have never been served in any preschool or child care setting
- b. Children who are currently unserved (previously in preschool or child care setting)
- c. Children served for 5 months or less in the year prior to service in the program in any preschool or child care setting

3. Underserved Children

- a. Children who are in unregulated child care
- b. Children who are in a regulated preschool or child care setting, but are not receiving subsidy
- c. Other children, including those in pre-kindergarten or child care settings that do not meet More at Four (now NC Pre-K) program standards

4. Limited English Proficiency (LEP): As indicated by the family and/or child speaking limited or no English in the home

5. Second-Round Parents (grandparent/kinship caregivers): Defined as grandparents or other relatives raising and parenting children

6. Socially/Emotionally Challenged Children: Children potentially at-risk for developing behavioral and/or emotional problems and/or those already demonstrating significant symptoms

7. Stay-At-Home Parents: Having a child age birth to 5 years and out of the workforce for a year while the spouse has been working continuously during the same year.