

# Enrolling Allowable Children into the ELMS System in 2021-22

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With the upcoming changes to ECEAP eligibility from the [Fair Start for Kids Act](#), which will be implemented in ELMS in 2022-23, there is an opportunity to create a bridge between current allowances in ELMS and future eligibility. While it is **important to continue to ensure that children with the highest needs in communities are being served**, we want ECEAP contractors to expand their services beyond the children that currently meet ECEAP eligibility requirements in the 2021-22 school year in ELMS.

The pathways to doing this include increasing enrollment of children currently in the allowable category and additional Over Income (OI) slots for the 2021-22 school year. **It is important to note that these children must meet the eligibility requirements that will be in place in ELMS in the 2022-23 school year.** The 2022-23 eligible children and families who will have blocked enrollment in ELMS, which we are creating a workaround for, in 2021-22 ELMS include:

- **Families with income at 110% to 140% federal poverty level (FPL)/36% state median income (SMI).**
- **Families with income between 130% and 140% FPL** without a priority factor will receive additional support from ELMS to enroll.
- **For tribal contractors and subcontractors**, any tribal family up to 384% FPL/100% SMI.
  - For all sovereign nation ECEAP contractors/sites enrollment in ELMS, children are considered tribal if they are a member of a tribe per parent report and per tribal approval.
  - Tribal families with income between 130% and 384% FPL without a priority factor will receive additional support from ELMS to enroll.
- **For non-tribal contractors**, any tribal family up to 384% FPL/100% SMI.
  - For all non-tribal ECEAP contractors/sites enrollment in ELMS, children are considered tribal if they are a member of a tribe per parent report.
  - Tribal families with income between 130% and 384% FPL without a priority factor will receive additional support from ELMS to enroll.
- **Families experiencing homelessness.**
- **Children that** meet ECEAP age eligibility and have **participated in:**
  - Early Head Start, Early ECEAP, Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT), IDEA Part C services from another state, ECLIPSE (Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention Services).

**Families with income above 130% FPL up to 140% FPL without a priority factor will need additional support** from ELMS to enroll.

**\*Please note:** Contractors will only need to request additional OI slots for children in these categories if they do not meet 2021-22 income or other eligibility requirements already built into the ELMS and have used all assigned OI slots.

## Enrolling Currently Eligible Children into ELMS in 2021-22

- Use the same processes in ELMS that you typically use to enroll children currently eligible.

## Process for Enrolling Children who are Allowable in the ELMS in 2021-22

- Email [ECEAP](#) and copy the CQI specialist to request over-income slots for 2022-23 eligible families. These can be requested either individually, or in bulk batches.
  - The CQI Manager will review and then systems changes will be made by Data Team staff to override blocked enrollments in ELMS and create an enrollment pathway for these children. This process is needed because enrollment is not an option automatically available in ELMS at this time. The ELMS team will work in the coming year to build a system that will automatically enroll these children into ELMS beginning in 2022-23.

The ECEAP CQI Team will track requests, and send a response to directors of status within 1-2 business days.

