# ECEAP No Expulsion Information Sheet

#### Our Why

The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is committed to leading with racial equity and prohibiting the historical outcomes for children of color. Across the nation, children of color are disproportionately expelled and restrained each year. By implementing guidance for no expulsion, this will ensure continuous enrollment for children in quality programming.

### 50,000

preschool children are expelled or suspended each year

31%

of school arrests are male Black students

## BIAS

Teacher bias plays a significant role in the disproportionate amount of expulsions for Black male preschoolers.

# CHILDREN ARE

42%

of preschool teachers

observe Black boys

more when challenging

behaviors occur

#### MORE THAN NUMBERS.

Each child deserves strength-based instruction that is developmentally appropriate and supports growth.



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ECEAP's no expulsion standard aims to ensure children and families are provided with resources and supports to meet the individual need. The standard guides contractors in tailoring resources to needs, developing support plans with families, and implementing supports with fidelity. At no point should a parent have to choose between services or programming for their student. Contractors are required to seek additional support through their CQI Specialist.

Steps to supporting no expulsion in programs include, but are not limited to:

- Meetings with families
- Developing and implementing behavior support plans
- Consulting with an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant
- Outlining temporary services through an alternative attendance plan

#### **Resources**

- Haring Center https://haringcenter.org
- Pyramid Model-NCPMI https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/ index.html
- U.S. Department of Education

   Civil Rights Data Collection
   https://ocrdata.ed.gov/
- Bias Isn't Just A Police Problem, It's A Preschool Problem (Video): https://youtu.be/ucEAcIMkS0c

DCYF ECEAP requires contractors to document efforts made to support the child and family. Contractors must seek support from their CQI Specialist and obtain approval before implementing any Alternative Attendance Plan.



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