

**281—64.23(256A,279) Secondary eligibility.** The available funds shall be directed to serve parents of children aged birth through five years who are at risk when children qualify in one or more of the secondary eligibility categories as follows:

1. Children who are abused.
2. Children functioning below chronological age in two or more developmental areas, one of which may be English proficiency, as determined by an appropriate professional.
3. Children born with one or more factors that are established as high risk for developmental delay, such as very low birth weight (under 1,500 grams—approximately three pounds) or with conditions such as spina bifida, Down syndrome, or other genetic disorders.
4. Children born to a parent who was under the age of 18.
5. Children residing in a household where one or more of the parents or guardians:
  - Has not completed high school;
  - Has a substance use disorder;
  - Has a chronic mental illness;
  - Is incarcerated;
  - Has low literacy skills;
  - Has a history of child or spouse abuse; or
  - Is an English learner.
6. Children having other special circumstances, such as foster care or being homeless.

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