

**Re: Peer Model Selection Criteria**

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A child is eligible to become a peer model in an Early Childhood program if their parent(s) residence is within the boundaries of the district they wish to participate in. For example, a child living in Wamego could be eligible to participate in a Wamego EC classroom, but not one in St. George.

Only in rare instances can a peer model be accepted into an EC classroom with residence documented outside of district boundaries. This would apply only if no acceptable candidates are available with addresses within district boundaries.

Patrons/tax payers children that reside within district boundaries should always be considered first.

List on the Cooperative's annual end of the year check-in form used by all staff it states, "If I am a preschool teacher, my list of peer models is attached and is initialed by my principal. This list has been decided upon through communication with the principal."

In addition, the child find screening form will be revised a). to reflect that the parent specifically designates the school district they reside in, and b). a statement of disclaimer reads, "Any child living outside the district boundaries of where an EC program is located will be approved only if no other in-district peer models are available choices."

Finally, the advertisements used in local newspapers will also have the above disclaimer printed.

These measures should provide a sufficient checks and balance system.

These measures are effective August 1, 2007.