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**Eligibility for Regional Services**

(1) The determination of an infant, toddler or child's eligibility for services as an infant, toddler or child with autism spectrum disorder, deafblindness, deaf or hard of hearing, traumatic brain injury, orthopedic impairment, or visual impairment is the responsibility of:

(a) The resident school district for children who are at the age of eligibility for kindergarten through age 21 in accordance with autism spectrum disorder (OAR 581-015-2130), deafblindness (OAR 581-015-2140), deaf or hard of hearing (OAR 581-015-2150), orthopedic impairment (OAR 581-015-2160), traumatic brain injury (OAR 581-015-2175), and visual impairment (OAR 581-015-2180); or

(b) The designated referral and evaluation agency for infants or toddlers who are at the age of eligibility for:

(A) Early intervention, from birth through age two in accordance with OAR 581-015-2780; and

(B) Early childhood special education, from the age of three until eligible for kindergarten in accordance with OAR 581-015-2795.

(2) Regional programs may assist the local district or designated referral and evaluation agency in evaluating and/or determining eligibility when the local district or the designated referral and evaluation agency does not have a person trained and experienced in the area of the suspected disability(ies).

(3) An infant, toddler, or child who is found eligible for services as an infant, toddler, or child with autism spectrum disorder, deafblindness, deaf or hard of hearing, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment may be eligible for regional services if the infant, toddler or child needs regional program services.

(4) An infant, toddler or child who is found eligible for services as an infant, toddler, or child with orthopedic impairment may be eligible for regional services if the infant, toddler, or child is determined to be orthopedically impaired by his/her eligibility team based on eligibility tool(s) approved by the Department, and needs regional program services.

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