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**PRIORITY POPULATIONS**

If funds are available, children must be served on a first-come, first-served basis in order of priority. Applications must be date-stamped as they are received. CCDF child care services will be available to children of parents using the following priorities:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Child Care for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Child Care for Transitional Child Care (TCC)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Children of very low-income working parent(s) whose income is at or below 50 percent of the State Median Income (SMI) who are at risk of going on TANF, in the following order:
  - A. Children in Protective Services or Foster Care;
  - B. Children with Special Needs (up to 85% of the SMI);
  - C. Children of parent(s) deployed in the Mississippi National Guard, or Reserve (up to 85% of the SMI);
  - D. Children of Teen Parent(s) currently enrolled in high school full-time;
  - E. Children of all other eligible parent(s) at this income level, **including parents enrolled in an approved educational program, whether working or not.**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Based upon the availability of funding, children of parent(s) working the required 25 hours per week **and/or are enrolled in an approved educational program** whose income falls above 50 percent of the SMI and at or below 85 percent of the SMI.