# Decision Tree for Indictor 6

**Placement Codes for Children 0-5 in Preschool**

## First answer this question:

## Is the child attending a regular early childhood program (RECP)?

*A* ***Regular Early Childhood Program (RECP)*** *is a program that includes a majority (at least 50 percent) of nondisabled children (i.e., children not on IEP’s). This category may include, but is not limited to: Head Start, kindergarten, public preschool, reverse mainstreaming classrooms, private kindergarten or preschool, group child development center or child care, community based play groups.*

*Determine the amount of time a child attends an RECP during a typical week (include time outside of the school day and time provided by the family).*

**If YES**-Use placement code 17 only

**If NO**-Use placement codes 18-22

## If YES and you initially selected placement code 17:

Answer the question: **How many hours does the child attend the RECP?**

**If 10 or more hours/week,** answer the question**:**

Does the child receive the **majority of special education and related services** in the RECP?

Answer **YES (Regular Early Childhood Program) OR NO (Some other location)**

**If less than 10 hours/week:** answer thequestion:

Does the child receive the **majority of special education and related services** in the RECP?

Answer **YES (Regular Early Childhood Program) OR NO (Some other location)**

**If NO** **and you are considering a rating of 18-22**, answer this question:

**Is the child attending a special education program?**

*A* ***Special education program*** *is a program that includes a majority (at least 50%) of children with disabilities (i.e., children with IEPs). This category may include but is not limited to: regular school buildings, trailers/portables outside regular school buildings, child care facilities, hospital facilities on an outpatient basis, other community-based settings.*

### If yes, consider a rating of 18-20.

Answer this question:

**Where does** the child receive **special education and related services**?

Use placement **Code 18** for **Special Education Classroom**

Use placement **Code 19** for **Separate** **School** *(public/ private)*

Use placement**Code 20** for **Residential Facility** *(public/ private)*

### If no, consider a rating of 21 or 22.

Answer the question:

Is the child receiving the **majority of special education and related services** in the residence of the child’s family or caregiver?

**If YES-** use placement **Code 21 for Home**

**If NO-** use placement **Code 22 for Service Provider Location or other locations not in any other category**

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