



A GUIDE FOR NEW CHILD CARE DIRECTORS ON LOUISIANA'S EARLY EDUCATION SYSTEM

AREA OF FOCUS	RESOURCES TO SUPPORT
<p>Type III Centers: Stay Connected with Your Network</p>	<p>Congratulations! You're a licensed Type III center. You've made a commitment to provide the children in your center with high quality learning.</p> <p>Stay up-to-date with the requirements of Type III centers. Sign up for <i>Early Childhood Connection</i>, the Department of Education's newsletter with an active email address.</p> <p>Participate in lead agency meetings and sign up to receive information about local activities.</p>
<p>Public Information for Families: Receive a Rating</p>	<p>As a Type III center you will receive a performance profile that provides families information on your center.</p> <p>This video explains how scores are put into a performance profile. Each center has a webpage on Louisiana School and Center Finder where this information is available for families.</p>
<p>Prepared Teachers: Ensure Teachers Have an Ancillary Certificate</p>	<p>Beginning July 1, 2019, Lead teachers must have an Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate within 24 months of their start date as a lead teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the certificate and how do I earn one? • Learn more about scholarships for this certificate. • A teacher's level of education is linked to tax credits. • View the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate (ECAC) Staff Map.
<p>High-Quality Interactions with Children: Achieve Excellence</p>	<p>Each year, Type III classrooms are observed for quality interactions between teachers and children. Scores are made publicly available and connected to tax credits for directors.</p> <p>The Effective Teacher-Child Interactions video explains the CLASS tool that is used to measure these interactions.</p> <p>Your Resource and Referral agency can provide CLASS training and other professional development.</p>
<p>Standards & Curriculum: Use the Right Tools</p>	<p>Choose a Tier I curriculum to provide children with a high-quality educational experience based on Louisiana's Early Learning & Development Standards.</p> <p>Your Resource and Referral agency has a library of Tier I curriculum you can review.</p> <p>The Curriculum Initiative will support Type III centers in purchasing curriculum by reimbursing up to 80% of the cost.</p>
<p>Assessing and Observing Children: Track Child Growth</p>	<p>Record assessment information on every publicly-funded child using GOLD® by TeachingStrategies. This document provides an overview for how GOLD® is used in early childhood classrooms.</p>

Email earlychildhood@la.gov with any questions.

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