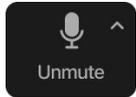


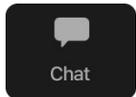
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Zoom Meeting Protocol

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Please change your Zoom name to reflect your actual name and the Community Network you represent.

Questions

During the presentation, please add any questions to the chat. Questions will be answered at the end of the webinar. If you enter a question in the chat, please include your e-mail address, in case our team needs to follow up with you further.

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Community Network Lead Agency Updates Webinar



March 10, 2026

Webinar Purpose and Objectives



Webinar Purpose and Objectives

Purpose: The Community Network Lead Agency (CNLA) Updates webinar provides CNLA administrators with information, updates, and reminders related to current LDOE Early Childhood Care and Education initiatives and events.

Objectives:

Community Network Lead Agencies will

- Receive new information and updates
- Receive information on today's featured topics:
 - Tier I Curriculum and SOR Training in Canopy
- Review reminders about upcoming deadlines



Agenda

- I. Early Childhood Community Network Updates
- II. Featured Topic:
 - A. Tier I Curriculum and SOR Training in Canopy
- III. Early Childhood Reminders
- IV. Upcoming Events and Deadlines



Early Childhood Community Network Updates and Reminders



Preliminary Informational Metrics

In preparation for Data Certification this summer, Community Network Lead Agencies should begin working with providers to complete the following by May 15, 2026:

- Review the data in the [Early Childhood CLASS® Portal](#) and
- Make any changes directly in the [Early Childhood CLASS® Portal](#)

Only the data in the [Early Childhood CLASS® Portal](#) will be used to generate Informational Metrics for network and site Performance Profiles.



Preliminary Informational Metrics

Add or Update Classroom:

Classroom Name:	Elephants
Classroom Configuration:	Pre-K
Lead Teacher:	Brandy Morin
Is this a virtual classroom? :	No
Curriculum :	Frog Street Press LLC - Frog Street PreK, Age
Adult:Child Ratio : <i>(Teacher/Child Ratios Guidance)</i>	3 Stars
Teacher Name as Of October 1:	Alicia Franklin
October 1 Teacher Degree:	Masters +
Teacher Certification as of Oct. 1, for teacher on Oct. 1:	Yes
Certification Number:	123456

Submit

Delete the Classroom

Instructions:

- Show Closed Classes
- Show Cancelled Observations

The following metrics, captured as of October 1, 2025, should be reviewed for accuracy and updated via the [Early Childhood CLASS® Portal](#) by May 15, 2026:

- Curriculum
- Ratio
- Teacher Name as of October 1
- Teacher Degree as of October 1
- Teacher Certification
- Certification Number

EC CLASS[®] Portal



Per *Bulletin 140*, CNLAs are required to enter two observations in the EC CLASS[®] Portal for the 2025-2026 academic year:

- One observation in Fall 2025
- One observation in Spring 2026

CLASS[®] Support for CNLAs

For assistance with the following information and processes, please contact the following staff members:

Sites Codes, EC Portal Access, Child Count	Bulletin 140 Requirements, CLASS[®], Scheduling
Please contact Alicia Franklin at alicia.franklin@la.gov .	Please contact Sonia Gutierrez at sonia.fields-gutierrez@la.gov .



LA 4, NSECD, and CNLA Allocations

Preliminary 2026-2027 LA 4, NSECD, and CNLA allocations are scheduled to be voted on during the April 15, 2026 BESE meeting:

- Networks and sites should have received a preliminary notice of award during the week of February 23, 2026.
- An additional notice of BESE approval will be sent after the BESE meeting on April 16, 2026.
- **Final amounts will be subject to legislative appropriation.**



Featured Topics



Early Childhood Curriculum Update

The LDOE Instructional Materials Review (IMR) team is conducting ongoing new curriculum reviews:

- These reviews are designed to evaluate the alignment of instructional materials with the revised [2024 Early Learning and Development Standards \(ELDS\)](#) and ensure that the materials used in classrooms support high-quality teaching and learning.
- A new Tier I Curriculum List for ECE is being published as IMR reviews are completed.
 - The updated Tier I list can be located on the [IMR webpage](#) Early Childhood Instructional Materials dropdown and will be populated on an ongoing basis as reviews are complete.
 - The list will include newly-rated instructional materials that are aligned with the 2024 ELDS, meet the criteria of the 2025-2026 IMR rubric, and can thus be purchased through CCR&Rs with current funding allocations.

Teaching and Learning Reminders & Updates

Please contact caitlyn.robinson@la.gov with questions.

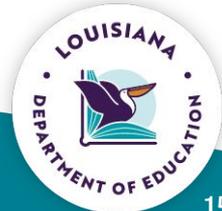


Early Childhood Literacy Initiative Allocation

The LDOE Early Childhood Literacy Initiative allocation was approved during the January 2026 BESE meeting. This funding opportunity is from February 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026.

- **Curriculum Allocation (Available to CNLAs and CCR&Rs):** The curriculum allocation will be used to purchase newly-rated high-quality instructional materials (rated as Tier I) that align to the updated [Early Learning and Development Standards](#) and LDOE IMR review processes. The list of newly-rated curriculum will be populated as reviews are completed.
 - CNLAs should work with schools to purchase newly-rated Tier I curriculum and curriculum-aligned professional development requested by school-based publicly funded pre-K classrooms.
 - CCR&Rs should work with child care sites to purchase newly-rated Tier I curriculum and curriculum-aligned professional development requested for infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms by Type III child care and FCC sites who have opted into Academic Approval.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines
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Early Childhood Literacy Initiative Allocation

The LDOE Early Childhood Literacy Initiative allocation was approved during the January 2026 BESE meeting. This funding opportunity is from February 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026.

- **SoR Training Stipend Allocation (available to CNLAs):** The SoR Training stipend allocation will be used to provide LDOE-created SoR training to support early identification and interventions, including for teachers of young children with disabilities who teach pre-K.
 - This portion of the allocation offered through CNLAs to school-based pre-K educators will fund \$250 stipends for the completion of 3 LDOE Science of Reading pre-K modules through the LDOE Canopy platform. These modules are now available in the [Louisiana Professional Learning Platform](#).
 - Please note: There will be additional information regarding funding opportunities for training stipends for publicly funded child care center teachers, Early Head Start/Head Start teachers, Family Child Care educators with Academic Approval, and NSECD teachers in publicly-funded sites shared at a later date.

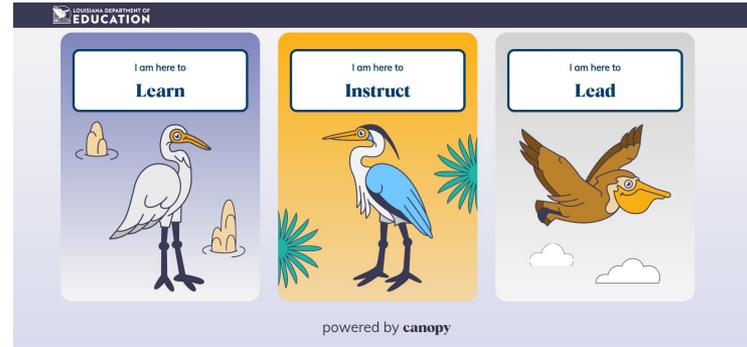
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SoR Training

SoR Training Modules

- The Early Childhood Science and Art of Teaching Reading Courses are now available.
- The Early Childhood *Science and Art of Reading* professional learning series aims to equip educators with a shared understanding of the knowledge and skills needed to implement scientifically-based literacy instruction. This professional development series is housed in our [Louisiana Professional Learning Platform](#).
- Early Childhood Science and Art of Reading
Course code: **C100N1N9**



Upcoming Events and Deadlines
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Infant and Toddler Libraries

The Department is excited to announce the purchase of 1,194 infant and 2,180 toddler libraries for Type III Child Care Centers and Academically-Approved Family Child Care providers.

- Ready Start Networks (RSNs) Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&R) will reach out to providers about the infant and toddler libraries available.
- Infant and toddler libraries will be shipped directly to each RSN or CCR&R to distribute at monthly meetings.
- An informational webinar will be held on March 11th at 3:00 p.m.
 - Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92805923209>
 - Meeting ID: 928 0592 3209
 - Passcode: 775803



Upcoming Events and Deadlines



NEW: Optional CNLA Collaborative Office Hours

In the month of March, CNLAs are invited to attend an optional CNLA Collaborative Office Hours call where CNLAs can invite colleagues, bring questions, send topics for breakout discussions, and connect with colleagues on initiatives and topics from the Monthly CNLA Update Webinar.

Attendees can access the next CNLA Office Hours webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95836360641>
- **Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID:** 958 3636 0641
- **Passcode:** 592742

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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Spring Collaboratives

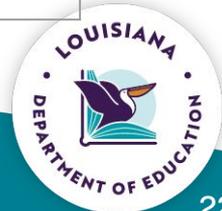
In April 2026, the LDOE will host three opportunities for CNLAs and CCR&Rs to collaborate and improve outcomes for children in 2026-2027 school year. Each agency should bring no more than four staff members. To determine attendees, please review the recommendations in the table below.

Event Information	CNLA	CCR&R
Claiborne Building 1201 North Third St. Baton Rouge, La Thomas Jefferson Room 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Network Lead Agency Administrator• Education Manager• Specific grant or program manager (i.e. CCAP B-3 Seats)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director• Master Coach(es) <p><i>*Please assign different staff to represent the CNLA and CCR&R if the entity represents both the CNLA and CCR&R</i></p>



Spring Collaboratives

Date	CCR&R Attendees	CNLA Attendees
<p>April 16, 2026</p> <p>Claiborne Building 1201 North Third St. Baton Rouge, La Thomas Jefferson Room 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Agenda● VOA 234	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Assumption, Lafourche, Orleans, Terrebonne Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Tammany, Washington● Livingston, St. Helena, EBR, E. Feliciana, Iberville, WBR, W. Feliciana, Zachary, Central, Tangipahoa



Spring Collaboratives

Date	CCR&R Attendees	CNLA Attendees
<p>April 21, 2026</p> <p>Claiborne Building 1201 North Third St. Baton Rouge, La Thomas Jefferson Room 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● On Track by Five● Jefferson● Pointe Coupee● VOA 567	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lafayette● Jefferson● Pointe Coupee● Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Cameron, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, Vernon, Acadia, Calcasieu, Iberia, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion● Ascension



Spring Collaboratives

Date	CCR&R Attendees	CNLA Attendees
<p>April 22, 2026</p> <p>Claiborne Building 1201 North Third St. Baton Rouge, La Thomas Jefferson Room 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children's Coalition ● NSU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Caldwell, Catahoula, E. Carroll, Franklin, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, W. Carroll ● Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, Grant, Jackson, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, Webster, Winn



Early Childhood eGMS Allocations

All 2026 allocations have been uploaded in the E-Grants Management System (eGMS). Funds must be drawn down by **June 30, 2026**. Any funds not drawn down by this date will not roll over.

eGMS Application Names

- EC State General Fund
- EC Consolidated
- EC Curriculum Reimbursement

Important

- To view the application in eGMS, Contacts and Assurances for Early Childhood must be completed.
- Please email the LDOE Grants Helpdesk at ldoegrantshelpdesk@la.gov.



2026 Teacher Leader Summit



- **Save the Date:** The 2026 Teacher Leader Summit will be held May 26-28 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.
 - Regular registration will open on March 16, 2026, and will close on April 12, 2026. Please check the [TLS website](#) for more details.
- Teacher Leader Summit is an annual professional learning conference that brings together Louisiana birth to grade 12 educators and content experts. Educators participating in the event will share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Teacher Leader Summit now has a [website](#). Please check it out and share it!

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.



Monthly Provider Update Webinar

CNLAs are encouraged to attend the monthly webinars for early childhood providers. These webinars include important updates and reminders for all provider types.

Providers can access the next provider webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Thursday, April 2, 2025 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91532982014>
- **Phone Number:** 1 470 250 9358
- **Meeting ID:** 915 3298 2014
- **Passcode:** 519100

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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Monthly CNLA Update Webinar

CNLAAs are encouraged to attend the monthly CNLA Office Hour webinars. These webinars include important updates and reminders for Community Network Lead Agencies.

Attendees can access the next CNLA Office Hours webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97220084131>
- **Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID:** 972 2008 4131
- **Passcode:** 051391

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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Infant and Toddler Libraries Informational Webinar

The Department is excited to announce the purchase of infant and toddler libraries within Type III Child Care Centers and Academically-Approved Family Child Care providers. Our team will host an informational webinar on Wednesday, March 11th, at 3:00 p.m. for all Ready Start Network and Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies to review the details of the purchase and distribution of materials.

Attendees can access the webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92805923209>
- **Meeting ID:** 928 0592 3209
- **Passcode:** 775803

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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Monthly Office Hours for Active Coaching Sites

The LDOE team conducts webinars on various topics related to early childhood quality and improving child care sites' administrative and operational functions. Through engaging sessions and monthly guest speakers, the office hours are designed to support directors seeking training, to facilitate effective ECE leadership development.

The March focus area is “Increasing CLASS® Scores.” During this session, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the staff supporting.

Attendees can access the webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98038985498>
- **Phone Number:** 1-470-250-9358
- **Meeting ID:** 980 3898 5498
- **Passcode:** 989833

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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Monthly Office Hours for New Directors

CNLAs are asked to share this information with new directors. The LDOE team holds New Director webinars that focus on topics related to early childhood quality or operations while also helping to expand new directors' network of peers.

This month's topic is "Effective Communication Strategies for Directors." Participants will gain tools and techniques that will strengthen communication with staff, families, and stakeholders, fostering collaboration, clarity, and a positive environment.

Attendees can access the webinar using the information below:

- **Date:** March 27 at 12 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98824530491>
- **Phone Number:** 1 470 250 9358
- **Meeting ID:** 988 2453 0491
- **Passcode:** 760909

Upcoming Events

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Monthly Young Children with Disabilities Community of Practice

The early childhood strategy team conducts a monthly Community of Practice on various topics related to young children with disabilities. These webinars include professional development and updates regarding young children with disabilities in early childhood settings.

Attendees can access the webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91561982271>
- **Phone Number:** 1-312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID:** 915 6198 2271
- **Passcode:** 787411

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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Events and Deadlines



- March 11:** [Infant and Toddler Libraries Informational Webinar](#)
- March 18:** [Active Coaching Site Office Hours](#)
- March 27:** [New Director Office Hours](#)
- March 31:** [Young Children with Disabilities Community of Practice](#)
- April 2:** [Monthly Provider Webinar](#)
- April 14:** [CNLA Office Hours](#)
- April 16; 21-22:** Spring Collaboratives

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Questions



Thank you!

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