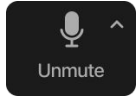
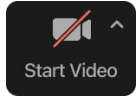


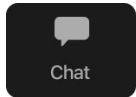
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Zoom Meeting Protocol

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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



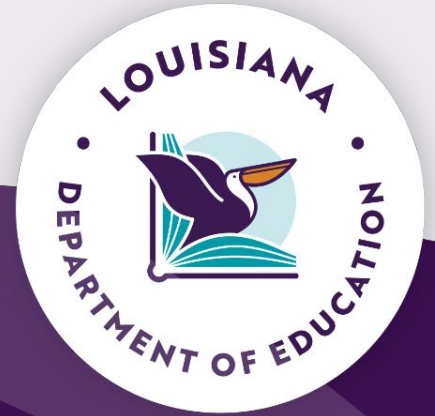
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Agenda

- I. Early Childhood Community Network Updates
- II. Featured Topics:
 - Early Childhood Accountability
 - Child Count Reminders
 - Early Childhood Academics
 - Curriculum Updates
- III. Upcoming Events and Deadlines
 - 2027 Early Childhood Conference
 - Fall Collaborative
 - Early Childhood Webinars



Early Childhood Accountability Updates and Reminders



Child Count Reminders

October 1: Child Count Portal Opened

October 1: Child Count Snapshot Day

October 31: Child Count Portal Closes at 11:59 p.m.

- October 1 Child Count is a snapshot of enrollment counts on October 1, 2026.
- Child age is based on the age of the child on September 30, 2026.
- Only count children under one funding source.
- Demographic and background counts should align with counts entered for funding sources.



Early Childhood Accountability Updates and Reminders

Please contact alicia.franklin@la.gov with questions.



2025-2026 Performance Profiles

Performance Profiles for the 2025-2026 academic year will be released in alignment with K-12 school performance scores.

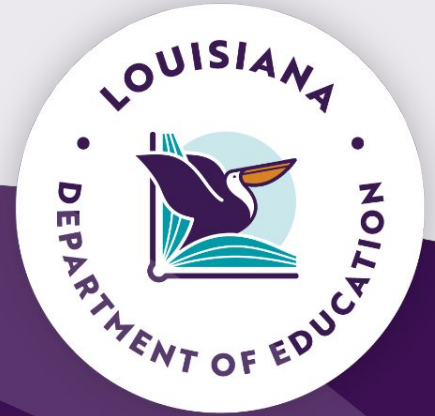
- The release is anticipated for November 2026.

Early Childhood Accountability Updates and Reminders

Please contact sonia.fields-gutierrez@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Academics and Reminders



Early Childhood Curriculum Update

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

- A new Tier I Curriculum List for ECE is being published on the [IMR webpage](#) “Early Childhood Instructional Materials” dropdown and is being populated on an ongoing basis as further reviews are completed.
- Currently, 8 curricula have completed the IMR process and have been approved as Tier I:
 - **NEW: Teaching Strategies, LLC - The Creative Curriculum for Pre-K (2024)**
 - **NEW: Teaching Strategies, LLC - The Creative Curriculum for Preschool (2026)**
 - Teacher Created Materials, Inc. Explore & Learn, Ages 4-5 (2025)
 - AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation-Every Child Ready, Pre-K 3-4 (2024)
 - Great Minds PBC - Eureka Math Squared, Level PK - ECE, Ages 4-5
 - Frog Street Press, LLC - Frog Street Pre-K Louisiana, ECE Ages 4-5
 - Frog Street Press, LLC - Frog Street Preschool Louisiana, Threes
 - Frog Street Press, LLC - Frog Street Infant: Joyful Beginnings, Louisiana

Early Childhood Academics Updates and Reminders

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



Early Childhood Curriculum Update

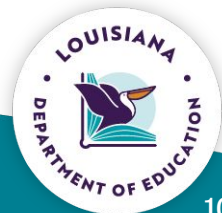
- Currently, two curricula are in the review stage of the IMR process. Those currently in review include the following:
 - Teaching Strategies, LLC -The Creative Curriculum for Toddlers (2024)
 - Teaching Strategies, LLC -The Creative Curriculum for Infants (2024)

Additional curricula reviewed and currently being updated include the following:

- CELEBRATE Successful Early Learning-FOUNDATIONS, Ages 3-4 (2022)-Under Construction

Early Childhood Academics Updates and Reminders

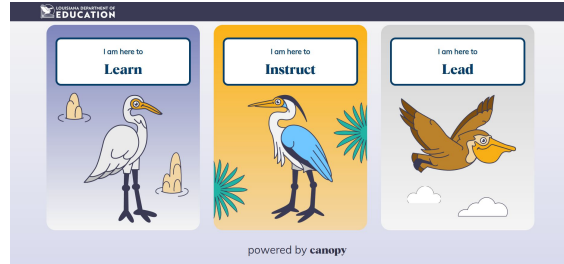
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Early Childhood Science and Art of Reading (SoR) Training

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 the LDOE's [Louisiana Professional Learning Platform](#).

- The course code for Part 1, Modules 1-3, is **C100N1N9**. *Part 1 (Modules 1-3) should be completed prior to moving to Part 2 (Modules 4-6).*
- **NEW:** The course code for Part 2, Modules 4-7, is **730A16U6**. *Part 2 (Modules 4-7) are now available.*



Early Childhood Academics Updates and Reminders

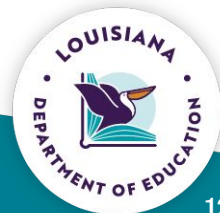
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NEW: EC Learn Literacy Courses

EC Learn is the early childhood free online training and learning resource where educators can enroll in and access continuing education courses:

- Several new courses are now live on the platform that include language and literacy best practices, providing engaged instructional support, and language and literacy foundations.
 - Language and Literacy Best Practices in Early Childhood Settings: B-3 (2026)
 - Language and Literacy Foundations: 3 and 4 Year Olds (2026)
 - Language and Literacy Foundations: Infants and Toddlers (2026)
 - Providing Engaged Instructional Support for Learning (2026)

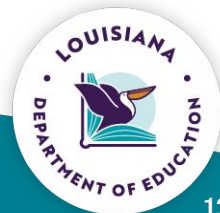


NEW: EC Learn Numeracy Courses

EC Learn is the early childhood free online training and learning resource where educators can enroll in and access continuing education courses:

- Several new courses are in development on the platform that include numeracy best practices, providing engaged instructional support, and numeracy foundations.
 - Numeracy Best Practices in Early Childhood Settings: B-3 (2026)
 - Numeracy Foundations: Infants and Toddlers (2026)
 - Numeracy Foundations: 3 and 4 Year Olds (2026)
 - Providing Engaging Numeracy Instructional Support for Learning (2026)

Note: These courses will be available in the platform in November.



NEW: At-Home Learning Activities

New family resources are now available on the Early Childhood Family Resources page on the LDOE website!

These resources are designed for:

- **Young children:** infants, toddlers, and preschoolers
- **Easy use at home:** everyday items and familiar routines
- **Playful learning:** build language, early literacy, and early math skills
- **Quick & practical:** simple activities families can do together in just a few minutes

The [At-Home Learning Activities](#) include:

- Read Aloud Tips & Tricks
- Grab & Go Family Engagement Activities for Language, Literacy, and Mathematics



CNLA Office Hours: Network Spotlight

We want to hear from you! The Office of Early Childhood Care and Education invites Community Network Lead Agencies to participate in a “Network Spotlight” during Monthly CNLA Office Hours Webinars.

- This is an opportunity to share your work around [quality processes](#) within early childhood key endeavors. Present your innovative projects, data-driven insights, and best practices to colleagues statewide.
- To present during future CNLA Office Hours, please submit a request to Caitlyn.Robinson@la.gov. Include a two- to three-slide presentation highlighting your work and the quality process that this work aligns with. Presentations are limited to 10 minutes.

We look forward to your submissions and continued collaboration!

Early Childhood Academics and Reminders
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Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Deadlines



Teacher Leader Summit 2027

We are excited to announce that Teacher Leader Summit 2027 will take place at the New Orleans Convention Center on **June 1-3, 2027**.

Share your expertise at Teacher Leader Summit 2027!

The LDOE is seeking educators, approved professional learning partners, and nonprofit organizations to submit presentation proposals.

Presenter Applications

- Applications open tentatively in **September**
- Submission deadline: **October 23**
- Selected presenters notified: **February 15, 2027**
- One complimentary registration for the main presenter

Interested?

Contact ldoeevents@la.gov for more information.

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Save the Date: Early Childhood Conference 2027

The 2027 Early Childhood Conferences will be held on Saturdays in two locations again this year. This year's theme is ***Louisiana's Future Starts Here***.

 **EARLY CHILDHOOD
CONFERENCE 2027**
LOUISIANA'S FUTURE STARTS HERE

FEBRUARY 27 ★ Shreveport, LA
MARCH 6 ★ Baton Rouge, LA



Registration Information:

Date and Location	Registration Link	Early Bird Registration \$45.00	Regular Registration \$55.00
Shreveport February 27 Shreveport Convention Center 400 Caddo Street	Shreveport Early Childhood Conference Registration Link	Registration Opens October 5, 2026	Registration Opens November 1
Baton Rouge March 6 Raising Cane's River Center 275 S. River Road	Baton Rouge Early Childhood Conference Registration Link	Registration Closes October 31, 2026	Registration Closes January 22



2026 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll

The Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education, is administering its annual survey to help further understand the child care needs of Louisiana families with children under the age of 5:

- The 2026 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll opens Wednesday, October 28, and can be shared in [English](#), in [Spanish](#), or in [Vietnamese](#).
- This survey is for any parent, guardian, or caregiver raising children under the age of 5, not just for moms and dads.
- Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and will not affect families' eligibility for child care or any other services. Families do not need to complete this survey to continue participating in any public program, including the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
- All answers will be kept confidential, and participants can answer the survey without giving their name.
- The survey will take less than 15 minutes to complete.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please contact info@policyinstitutela.org with any questions.



2026 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll

Please share the Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll with families in one of the following ways:

- Download printable flyers (available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#)) with the survey link and post them on a parent information board.
- Share the survey on Facebook and/or Twitter:
 - This [social media toolkit](#) has several templates and graphics for Facebook posts and Twitter posts to help promote the survey.
- Send a [letter](#) about the Parent Poll home to families.
 - E-mail the content of the Parent Poll letter to families.

The poll closes November 11.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please contact info@policyinstitutela.org with any questions.



Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year BESE Recognition

The Louisiana Department of Education will recognize the 2027 Overall Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year at the October BESE meeting.

**Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at
9:00 a.m.**

All partners are welcome to attend.
Seating is limited and available on a
first-come, first-served basis.



Sarah Corley
2027 Early Childhood
Teacher of the Year



Jillian Graves
2027 Early Childhood
Leader of the Year

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Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year

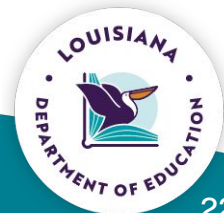
The LDOE received **136 nominations** for the 2027-2028 Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year program, including **83 teacher nominations** and **53 leader nominations**.

These nominations represent early childhood educators and leaders from **42 parishes** across Louisiana.



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Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Support

How Networks Can Support Nominees

Networks play an important role in helping nominees move from nomination to application.

- Personally encourage each nominee to complete the [Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Application](#).
- Check in with nominees and offer assistance if questions or challenges arise.
- Share the application support webinar dates, times, and access information.
- Encourage nominees to attend a webinar for guidance on completing the application.
- Attend the webinars alongside nominees to provide continued support and become familiar with the application process.

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Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Application Support Calls

LDOE Awards Program Application Webinar (Early Childhood, Teachers and Principals)

- Applicants may attend following call to receive application guidance, review expectations, and ask questions regarding the Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Application.
 - [October 15, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.](#)

Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Application Webinars

- Applicants may attend one of the following calls if they have additional questions regarding their application for Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year.
 - [December 2, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.](#) OR [December 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.](#)

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Early Childhood Education Fund Application

The [Early Childhood Education Fund Application](#) was due September 30, 2026, and is now past due.

All Community Network Lead Agencies were required to submit an application, whether requesting funds or not.

If your agency has not yet submitted an application to earlychildhood@la.gov, someone will be reaching out to you directly regarding the outstanding application.

Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Deadlines

Please contact sarah.thanni@la.gov with questions.



Coordinated Enrollment

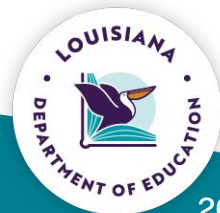
November marks the start of the Coordinated Enrollment Plan planning and submission window.

Community Network Lead Agencies will soon begin preparing the 2026–2027 Coordinated Enrollment Plan. Networks will collaborate with providers, community partners, and families to complete the plan fully, supporting LDOE’s evaluation of enrollment practices statewide.

The 2026–2027 Coordinated Enrollment Plan Template will be emailed to all CNLAs before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Deadlines

Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.



Fall Collaborative

In October 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.	• Community Network Lead • Agency Administrator • Education Manager • Specific grant or program manager (i.e. CCAP B-3 Seats)	• Director • Master Coach(es) <i>*Please assign different staff to represent the CNLA and CCR&R if the entity represents both the CNLA and CCR&R</i>

Fall Collaboratives

Date	CCR&R Attendees	CNLA Attendees
October 16, 2026 Claiborne Building 1201 North Third St. Baton Rouge, La Thomas Jefferson Room 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *Each CCR&R and CNLA are allowed to bring 2 participants/staff members. If additional seats are needed, please request at earlychildhood@la.gov.	- Children's Coalition - NSU - Agenda	- 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, Webster, Winn - Assumption, Lafourche, Orleans, Terrebonne, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Tammany, Washington

Family Child Care (FCC) Office Hours

Please encourage FCC providers in your network to join the monthly FCC Office Hours. This month's topic is **Making Curriculum Work in a Family Child Care Home**. Office Hours also provide a dedicated space for FCC providers to check in, ask questions, receive important updates, and connect their everyday practice to Academic Approval expectations. FCC providers who participate can earn 0.5 training hours for attending. Please help spread the word and encourage your Academic Approval FCC providers to join us!

FCC providers can access this webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Tomorrow, October 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93029152858>
- **Phone Number:** 1-312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID:** 930 2915 2858

Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Deadlines

Please contact brandee.david@la.gov with questions.



NEW: Optional CNLA Collaborative Office Hours

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, October 20 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

Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Deadlines

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Monthly Young Children with Disabilities Community of Practice

The LDOE early childhood strategy team conducts a monthly Community of Practice on various topics related to young children with disabilities. The next YCWD Community of Practice webinar topic will be: **Best Practices for Supporting Writing Development in YCWD.**

Attendees can access the webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Tuesday, October 27 at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99301224453>
- **Phone Number:** 1-312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID:** 993 0122 4453
- **Passcode:** 497464

Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Deadlines

Please contact Emily.Coussou@la.gov with questions.



Monthly Office Hours for New Directors

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

Participants will develop practical leadership routines that support effective management, staff well-being and mental health, decision-making, accountability and program quality.

Attendees can access the webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** October 30 at 12 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98824530491>
- **Meeting ID:** 988 2453 0491
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Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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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, November 5 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93597745872>
- **Phone Number:** 1 470 250 9358
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Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Deadlines

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Monthly CNLA Update Webinar

CNLAs are encouraged to attend the monthly CNLA Update Webinar. These webinars include important updates and reminders for Community Network Lead Agencies.

Attendees can access the next CNLA Update Webinar using the information below:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 10 at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97220084131>
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Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Deadlines

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Events and Deadlines

October 5-31:	2027 Early Childhood Conference Early Bird Registration
October 14:	<u>Monthly FCC Office Hours</u>
October 20:	<u>Optional Collaborative Office Hours</u>
October 27:	<u>Young Children with Disabilities Community of Practice</u>
October 30:	<u>Monthly Office Hours for New Directors</u>
November 5:	<u>Monthly Provider Webinar</u>
November 10:	<u>CNLA Update Webinar</u>
January 14:	<u>Early Childhood Teacher and Leader Application Closes</u>

Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Deadlines

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Questions



Thank you!

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