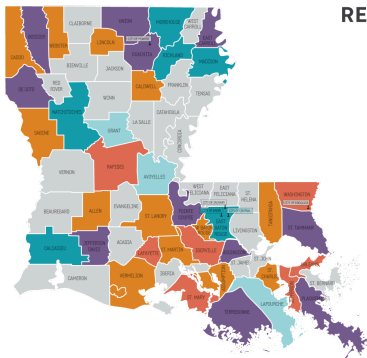


What is a Ready Start Network?

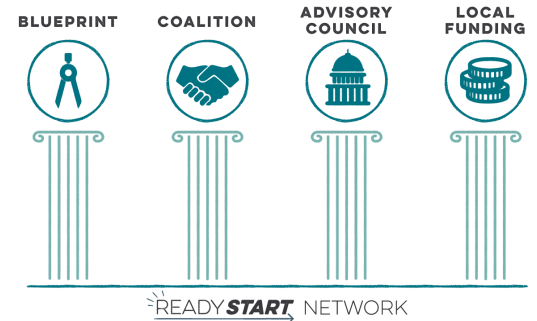
Ready Start Networks (RSNs) were created by the Louisiana Department of Education and approved by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to increase access to high-quality early childhood care and education at the local level. Ready Start Networks work with local partners to strengthen early care and education in their communities by:

- Assessing local demand for high-quality early care and education
- Developing strategic plans to increase quality and expand access
- Engaging community stakeholders to build awareness of the importance of early childhood education
- Establishing local advisory councils to guide collaborative decision-making and community initiatives
- Identifying local funding to support access to high-quality early learning opportunities



READY START NETWORKS

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Ready Start Network has completely transformed how we approach early childhood outreach in our community. By uniting our voices, we've moved beyond simply providing services to actively shaping a future where every child enters kindergarten ready to thrive. It's inspiring to work alongside partners who are equally committed to making our publicly funded programs the gold standard for excellence.

-St. Martin Parish

Being a Ready Start Network means standing for quality early childhood care and education for the working families. With the funding and support we have received as a Ready Start Network, we are building an organization that supports our families, our community, and our youngest learners in breaking the cycle of poverty in our parish.

-Washington Parish

What Success Have Ready Start Networks Had In Louisiana?

Since 2019, 41 networks have joined together to expand access to high-quality early care and education in their communities by forming Ready Start Networks. Ready Start Networks help raise awareness about the importance of early learning, develop plans to improve program quality, and coordinate local resources. Through this work, they support early learning sites, teachers, and the children and families they serve.

What is Next for Ready Start Networks?

Ready Start Networks will continue to develop strategic plans and implement initiatives that respond to the needs of their communities. These efforts align with the priorities of the Louisiana Department of Education and focus on strengthening the early childhood workforce, supporting language and emergent literacy development, improving early identification and intervention services, and increasing family engagement.

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