

WHAT ARE EARLY CHILDHOOD GUIDES?

The Early Childhood Guides (EC Guides) are local enrollment coordinators who help families apply for Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and learn about child care options in their community. As part of this pilot program, EC Guides provide individualized assistance to families throughout the application process for child care assistance. EC Guides are currently located in five parishes and will engage and assist families in the application, documentation, and eligibility process for CCAP. The main responsibilities of the EC Guides are to:

PRIORITY

Remove barriers and create equitable, inclusive learning experiences for all children.

FOCUS AREA

- Access to high-quality early childhood education
- School choice for students and families



Communicate with Families

· Continue communication loop

with families for continuity.

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LDOE to improve pilot program.

Learn from Families

- Build rapport to understand the families' needs.
- Apply the family's needs to the CCAP eligibility process.

Engage Families

- Community outreach to early childhood stakeholders such as child care sites, families, pediatricians, etc.
- Provide early care and education enrollment opportunities.



Assist Families

- Guide families in gathering documents for application.
- Providing information on highquality child care options locally.

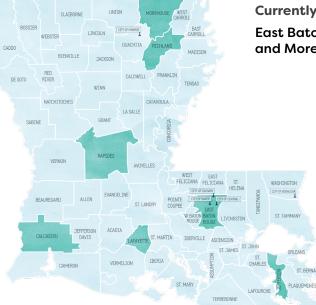




East Baton Rouge, Calcasieu, Jefferson, Rapides, Lafayette, Richland, and Morehouse

Families who are planning to enroll children in centers accepting CCAP in any of these parishes can contact the parish's EC Guide to set up an appointment:

Parish	Guide	Email
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Are you a family or parent interested in CCAP?

Reach out to the EC Guide closest to you, or apply through the <u>family portal</u>.