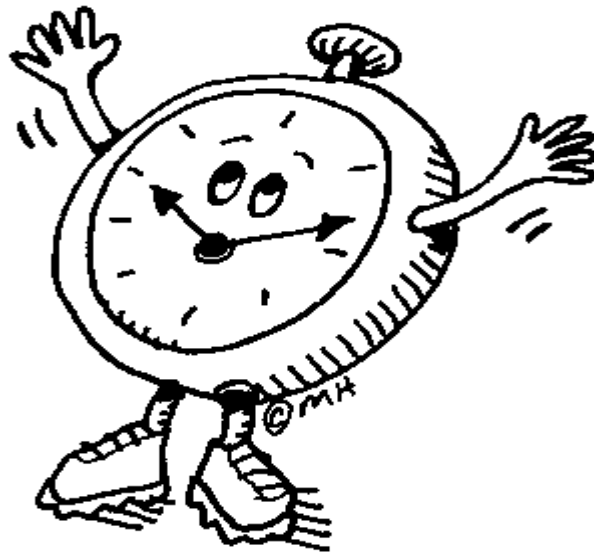


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# Coordinated Funding Request Webinar November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015



# Purpose

At the end of this webinar, participants will understand:

- Goals of the 2016-17 New Orleans Early Education Network's (NOEEN) Coordinated Funding Request
- Important coordinated funding request dates, deadlines, and required actions
- Differing characteristics of each early childhood funding stream available through the coordinated funding request
- How to complete and submit the coordinated funding request Letter of Intent, and
- Where to get more information and who to contact with questions

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# New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN)

Per Act 3 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session, Agenda for Children, in cooperation with local early childhood providers and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), created the New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN) in 2013 to coordinate early childhood care and education standards, evaluations, observations, enrollment, and funding in Orleans Parish.

In Summer 2015, LDE officially named Agenda for Children as the Lead Agency for NOEEN.

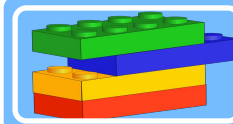
NOEEN includes all 150 schools and private providers in Orleans Parish receiving public funds to serve over 5,500 children birth through five-years-olds.



**41 Public Schools**



**9 Non-Public Schools**



**21 Head Start and Early Head Start Centers**



**89 Child Care Centers**

# The NOEEN Vision

***NOEEN will have a collective impact on the early childhood sector in New Orleans by increasing at-risk children's access to quality early care and education and by designing and implementing a systematic approach to improve the quality of all publicly funded early learning programs.***

A few of the activities associated with this work include:

- ◆ Leadership and decision-making by the NOEEN Steering Committee;
- ◆ Twice yearly CLASS observations;
- ◆ Coordinated enrollment for all publicly-funded children in Orleans Parish through EnrollNOLA/OneApp;
- ◆ Administration of the Preschool Expansion Grant by Agenda for Children; and
- ◆ Making a coordinated funding request to LDE for all state early childhood funding streams.

# A Unified Approach

BESE Bulletin 140 requires the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) to work with each Lead Agency to unify funding requests from each provider in the network for “seats” in state-funded early childhood programs (LA4, NSECD, Allocated CCAP, and Preschool Expansion Grant) into a single, annual “coordinated funding request.”

The goal of NOEEN’s 2016-17 Coordinated Funding Request is to ensure that the limited number of publicly-funded early childhood seats are allocated to those programs that:


- ◆ Address citywide needs;
- ◆ Are high quality; and
- ◆ Are in high demand by parents.

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# Transition to Coordinated Funding

	2015-16 Funding Requests	2016-17 Coordinated Funding Request
 <b>Available Funding Streams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LA4</li> <li>• NSECD</li> <li>• Preschool Expansion Grant (PEG)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LA4</li> <li>• NSECD</li> <li>• Preschool Expansion Grant (PEG)</li> <li>• CCAP Allocated Seats</li> </ul>
<b>Timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter 2015: LA4 and NSECD</li> <li>• Spring 2015: PEG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall 2015: LA4, NSECD, PEG and Allocated CCAP</li> </ul>
<b>Request Process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each site makes request to state electronically (eGMS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site makes request to NOEEN</li> <li>• NOEEN makes recommendation to state</li> </ul>
<b>Funding Decisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unclear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear application process and rubric</li> </ul>
<b>Network-wide Considerations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unclear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations consider site level and network level needs to maximize seats</li> </ul>

# New Coordinated Funding Process

## Continuing Current Seats

Letter of Intent

NOEEN Steering Committee approves allocation recommendations and submits to LDE

LDE reviews NOEEN recommendations and determines final allocations

BESE approves finalized allocations

## Requesting Additional Seats in the Same Funding Stream

Letter of Intent

Short Application

NOEEN Steering Committee approves allocation recommendations and submits to LDE

LDE reviews NOEEN recommendations and determines final allocations

BESE approves Finalized Allocations

## Requesting a New Funding Stream

Letter of Intent

Application

Site Visit/Interview

NOEEN Steering Committee approves allocation recommendations and submits to LDE

LDE reviews NOEEN recommendations and determines final allocations

BESE approves finalized allocations

# Timeline

*Dates are subject to change and contingent on approval by the NOEEN Steering Committee*

Date	Action
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Webinar on all funding streams with information on timeline and process
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Letter of Intent Due
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting – approve Coordinated Funding Process & Timeline
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Release of applications for new/additional seats
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Applications for new/additional seats due
December 19 <sup>th</sup> -January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Site visits/interviews
January 13 <sup>th</sup> (TENTATIVE DATE)	NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting – approve NOEEN allocation recommendations
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Final NOEEN seat allocation recommendations due to LDE
February	LDE notifies Lead Agencies and applicants of final seat allocations
March	BESE approves finalized allocations
April	New programs and additional seats for 2016-17 included in Round 2 of OneApp

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# Letter of Intent

## Who is required to fill out the Letter of Intent?

*Operators interested in seats for LA4, NSECD, Preschool Expansion Grant, or Allocated CCAP seats*

- ✦ Operators wanting to keep existing seats in 2016-17
- ✦ Operators wanting to increase the number of seats at their site for 2016-17
- ✦ Operators wanting to participate in a new/different funding stream for 2016-17

## What will the Letter of Intent be used for?

- ✦ Gather information regarding your organization's plans to serve seats for the 2016-17 school year
- ✦ Design the application and site visit process to accommodate the number of programs requesting seats
- ✦ Facilitate prospective partnerships for the Preschool Expansion Grant for interested schools and centers.

***No seats are guaranteed to any providers as part of this process. Even if NOEEN recommends that your organization receive seats all allocations are dependent on decisions by LDE and BESE.***

# Letter of Intent (cont'd)



LOI Form	<u>Public Schools</u>	<u>Nonpublic Schools</u>	<u>Type III Early Learning Centers</u>
Submitted By	CMO/Charter Organization (1 form per organization)	Nonpublic Schools	Centers (1 form per center)
Funding Stream	LA4 PEG	NSECD	NSECD PEG Allocated CCAP Seats
Form Submission Email Address	<a href="mailto:schoolloi@agendaforchildren.org">schoolloi@agendaforchildren.org</a>	<a href="mailto:nonpublicloi@agendaforchildren.org">nonpublicloi@agendaforchildren.org</a>	<a href="mailto:centerloi@agendaforchildren.org">centerloi@agendaforchildren.org</a>
Support Staff	OPSB: Sean Perkins <a href="mailto:sean_perkins@opsb.us">sean_perkins@opsb.us</a>  RSD: Holly Reid <a href="mailto:holly.reid@rsdls.net">holly.reid@rsdls.net</a>	Teresa Falgoust <a href="mailto:nonpublicloi@agendaforchildren.org">nonpublicloi@agendaforchildren.org</a>	Teresa Falgoust <a href="mailto:centerloi@agendaforchildren.org">centerloi@agendaforchildren.org</a>

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# Overview of Available Funding Streams

Funding Stream	Available To	Administered By	2015-16 Seats in Orleans Parish	New Seats Available for 2016-17 (Statewide)*
LA4	Public Schools	LDE	~1,500	0
Non Public School Early Childhood Development (NSECD)	Non-Public Schools & Centers	LDE	~460	0
Allocated CCAP Seats	Centers	LDE	0	1,200
Preschool Expansion Grant (PEG)	Centers in Partnership with Public Schools	Agenda for Children	120	660

\* Additional seats are approximations.



# LA4

- The Cecil J. Picard LA4 Early Childhood Program is the primary preschool program in the state, with 37 different public schools serving more than 1,500 four-year-olds from low-income families in Orleans Parish.
- The LDE works to ensure that the total number of LA4 seats allocated to public schools in Orleans Parish is at least equal to the number of LA4 seats the previous year. However, the total number of seats available statewide are limited, and additional LA4 seats in Orleans Parish for 2016-17 are not guaranteed.

Eligible Grantees	Classroom Setting	Student Eligibility	Class Ratios & Size Limits
Public Schools/LEAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Schools</li> <li>• Type 3 Early Learning Centers in partnership w/ Public Schools</li> </ul>	4-year-olds who are eligible for Free- or reduced price lunch eligible (185% of the Federal Poverty Line)	1 Adult:10 Children Max 20 children/class
Program Duration	Teacher Qualifications	Funding	Reporting, Funding, & Monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 months</li> <li>• Min. 6 hours of instruction/day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-state or out-of-state certificate in early childhood;</li> <li>• La. certificate in elementary ed + OFAT in early childhood; or</li> <li>• Baccalaureate degree + temporary authorization to teach in La.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free for eligible children</li> <li>• Program reimbursed at \$4,580 per pupil; reimbursement based on child attendance</li> </ul>	Louisiana Department of Education

# NSECD

- The Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development (NSECD) Program provides four-year-olds from low-income families the opportunity to attend preschool in state-approved nonpublic schools and early learning centers.
- The LDE works to ensure that the total number of NSECD seats allocated to programs in Orleans Parish is at least equal to the number of LA4 seats the previous year. However, the total number of seats available statewide are limited, and additional NSECD seats in Orleans Parish for 2016-17 are not guaranteed.

Eligible Grantees	Classroom Setting	Student Eligibility	Class Ratios & Size Limits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State-approved nonpublic schools</li> <li>• Type III Licensed Early Learning Centers with a Quality Start Rating of Three Stars or Higher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonpublic schools</li> <li>• Centers</li> </ul>	4-year-olds who are eligible for Free- or reduced price lunch eligible (185% of the Federal Poverty Line)	1 Adult:10 Children Max 20 children/class
Program Duration	Teacher Qualifications	Funding	Reporting, Funding, & Monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 months</li> <li>• Minimum 6 hours of instruction/day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• La. certificate in early childhood;</li> <li>• La. certificate in elementary ed; or</li> <li>• Baccalaureate degree + passing Praxis I, Master's degree, ACT composite score of 22, or combined SAT score of 1030</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free for eligible children</li> <li>• Program reimbursed at \$4,580 per pupil; reimbursement based on child attendance</li> </ul>	Louisiana Department of Education

# Allocated CCAP Seats

- This is a new grant opportunity from the Louisiana Department of Education available to licensed Type III early learning centers to serve infants through three-year-olds in full-year programs.
- Centers that receive CCAP Allocated Seats may also accept CCAP voucher children.
- Additional information on this new grant is forthcoming from LDE.

Eligible Grantees	Classroom Setting	Student Eligibility	Adult:Child Ratios
Type III Licensed Early Learning Centers	Centers	Infants, toddlers, and 3-year-olds from families at 165% of the Federal Poverty Line*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under 1 = 1:5</li> <li>• 1 year = 7:1</li> <li>• 2 year = 11:1</li> <li>• 3 year = 13:1</li> </ul>
Program Duration	Director & Staff Qualifications	Funding	Reporting, Funding, & Monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months (July-June)</li> <li>• Full-day (minimum 6 hours)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director: 21+ years old &amp; must meet one of six different qualifications</li> <li>• Staff must be 18+ years old</li> </ul>	<p><u>Sliding scale</u>, based on family income for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCAP subsidy,</li> <li>• Provider charge</li> <li>• Family co-pay</li> </ul>	Louisiana Department of Education

\*Additional eligibility requirements: Households must work and/or attend an education or training program for 30 hours per week and meet income requirements. Households participating in the Strategies to Empower People (STEP) program, serving children in foster care, or experiencing homelessness are categorically eligible.

# Preschool Expansion Grant

The Preschool Expansion Grant (PEG) is made possible by federal dollars provided to Louisiana to expand quality preschool seats for four-year-olds from low-income families at early learning centers in partnership with public schools.

Eligible Grantees	Classroom Setting	Student Eligibility	Class Ratios & Size Limits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type III Licensed Early Learning Centers with a Quality Start Rating of Two Stars or Higher</li> <li>Must be in partnership with a public school</li> <li>&gt;700 sq. ft. of additional classroom space available</li> </ul>	Centers	4-year-olds who are eligible for Free- or reduced price lunch eligible (185% of the Federal Poverty Line)	1 Adult:10 Children Max 20 children/class
Program Duration	Teacher Qualifications	Reimbursement Rate	Reporting, Funding, & Monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 months</li> <li>Min. 6 hours of instruction/day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-state or out-of-state certificate in early childhood;</li> <li>La. certificate in elementary ed + OFAT in early childhood; or</li> <li>Baccalaureate degree + temporary authorization to teach in La.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free for eligible children</li> <li>Currently: AFC pays or reimburses cost of teacher, para, curriculum, coaching/training, misc. materials and additional financial overhead support to centers</li> </ul> <p>More info to come on 16-17 grant funding structure</p>	Agenda for Children

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# Next Steps

- Review provided materials, as well as important links at the end of this presentation
- Connect with stakeholders and decide on the number of seats in each funding stream that you would like to serve next year
- If you would like to partner with a school or center for the Preschool Expansion Grant, click [here](#) for a map of schools and centers in Orleans Parish. You may also reach out to your coordinated funding request contact, listed on the last slide of this presentation, to help facilitate networking opportunities
- Fill out and submit the Letter of Intent form designed for your organization and linked on the last slide of this presentation. Please include your organization's name in the file name. **Remember that the Letter of Intent is due November 16<sup>th</sup>!**
- If you are requesting new seats, be on the lookout for Coordinated Funding application materials in mid-November. Pertinent application documents will be posted [here](#) and also disseminated in the NOEEN and Charter School newsletters.

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# Questions?





# Contact Information and Important Links

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Partnership Map	<a href="#">Map</a>	N/A	<a href="#">Map</a>

Thank you for joining us today, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.