Outdoor Learning Enhancement Opportunity


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What is the Outdoor Learning Enhancement Opportunity (OLEO)?

- Fully funded initiative for Type III centers
- Improves outdoor learning
- Supportive coaching model
- Go NAPSACC Framework
- Materials and Training Provided
- Clock hours and Improved CLASS outcomes
Who qualifies to participate?

- All Type III Childcare Centers
  - Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, and Washington Parishes
- Fully funded (not a grant)
- Ready opportunity (no application process)
- Simple, Sustainable, Successful (User Friendly)
How does it work?

Outdoor experiences are essential to child development and provide numerous opportunities for children and Early Education Professionals to learn, play, and thrive.

Outcomes: Early learning centers will be better able to meet the needs of children as a result of:

- Extended learning into outdoor classrooms and experiences
- Increased learning engagement outside as a result of targeted training for staff
- Targeted support from Child Care Resource and Referral agencies as it relates to implementing outdoor learning strategies

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How does it work?

- Quarterly cohort model
- Each center assigned a coach consultant
- Go NAPSACC:
  - Self Assessment
  - Goals and Action Plan
  - Material Setup
  - Ongoing Training
  - End of Project Survey
Why Go NAPSACC?

- User friendly portal
- Ample resources and training
- Whole child positive impact
- Improve CLASS outcomes
Supporting Development of the Whole Child
Go NAPSACC’s Core Components
What is the timeline?

- Registration July 2021
- Centers randomly assigned a cohort
- Cohort cycle:
  - 8-10 Weeks
  - Self-Assessment
  - Goals and Action
  - Material Selection and Setup
  - Ongoing Training
  - Reflection and Survey
What training is included?

- Go NAPSACC Orientation
- PALS Training
- Bi-Monthly Training:
  - Outdoor Play & Learning (Go NAPSACC)
  - Material Use and Activities
  - Additional topics related to project goals
What are the requirements?

- Create a Go NAPSACC account and attend an orientation session
- Complete the Go NAPSACC Outdoor Play & Learning self-assessment and discuss results with the coach consultant
- Develop an action plan based on the self-assessment and set appropriate goals
- Choose materials that will best achieve project goals
- Take before and after photos of the outdoor learning space
- Attend bi-monthly trainings including all Go NAPSACC Outdoor Play & Learning sessions
- Complete provided PALS training
- Submit an end of project survey
What are the benefits?

- Enriched knowledge in outdoor education
- Clock hours for educators who complete training
- Funded supplies
  - Lakeshore Learning
  - Labor and Installation not included
- Improved CLASS outcomes
- Certificate of completion
- Outdoor spaces, smiling faces!
How do I register?

- Submit the recruitment survey
- Agenda will notify providers of their assigned cohort (Late July/Early August)

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