Provider FAQs

What is the Outdoor Learning Enhancement Opportunity?
The Outdoor Learning Enhancement Opportunity (OLEO) is a fully funded initiative that encourages healthy living and learning through outdoor play and physical activity. This project welcomes Type III child care providers to participate in coaching cycles that include training based on Go NAPSACC’s Outdoor Play and Learning resources, and materials purchased from Lakeshore Learning. The goal of the OLEO is to enable centers to create high quality and age appropriate outdoor learning environments that improve CLASS outcomes at no additional cost to the providers.

Who qualifies for participation in the OLEO?
Agenda welcomes all Type III centers in Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, and Washington Parishes to participate in this initiative. The OLEO is not a grant, it is an opportunity for all type III centers to receive outdoor learning education and material support. This opportunity is not a financial award, and applications are not required to participate. Centers may participate in the OLEO one time.

What are the benefits of participating?
- Enriched knowledge in outdoor education
- Clock Hours for educators who complete training
- Supplies and materials provided
- Improved CLASS outcomes
- Certificate of completion
- Outdoor spaces, smiling faces!

What sort of outdoor learning materials can I purchase for my center?
- Seating and Table Arrangements
- Shade Sails
- STEM and STEAM Enrichment Centers
- Motor Development Tools and Toys
What is required of providers?
Providers will be assigned a coach consultant who will guide them through each step of the OLEO. With the support of the coach, participating providers must:

- 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 is the budget allowance?
Each center will be awarded the same budget per classroom to purchase materials that support the center’s project goals. This budget does not include labor, installation, or maintenance costs. Additionally, larger items or items which require licensing approval will not be included in the budgeted allowance. Packing slips and receipts must be submitted to coach consultants for all items received.

What is the project timeline?
From Fall 2021 - Summer 2022, Agenda will randomly assign participating providers to one of four quarterly cohorts. Each cohort cycle will last approximately 8-10 weeks. All OLEO requirements will be completed within each cycle, with the exception of a PALS training, which will be conducted in the Spring of 2022 for all participants.

How do I get started?
We hope all Type III centers will participate in this new and achievable opportunity to incorporate the joys and benefits of outdoor learning at their unique centers! To register your center, please complete the recruitment survey. In August 2021, centers will be notified of their assigned cohort cycle. At the start of each cycle, coach consultants will contact providers with information to register in the Go NAPSACC portal.

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