Update on Coordinated Enrollment
March 21, 2018

Agenda

- Comparison of Main Round 18/19 and 17/18
  - Compare number of application and verifications year over year
- Snapshot of PK 4 Availability as of February, 2018
  - February snapshot and context
- Open Enrollment
  - Definition, timeline, and suggested activities
  - Transition to Late Enrollment
- Upcoming Events

Closing Main Round Statistics

Main Round 18/19

Grade	Grand Total	Verified	% Verified
INF	266	98	37%
1 YR	747	333	45%
2 YR	869	378	43%
PK3	1568	843	54%
PK4	2307	1651	72%
Grand Total	**5757**	**3303**	**57%**

Main Round 17/18

Grade	Grand Total	Verified	% Verified
INF	238	97	41%
1 YR	633	345	55%
2 YR	702	398	57%
PK3	1258	704	56%
PK4	1979	1388	70%
Grand Total	**4810**	**2932**	**61%**

Closing Main Round Statistics

- Almost a thousand more applications than end of Main Round last year.
- 371 more verified applicants when compared to last year.

Inf	1	Additional verified app
1 YR	12	Fewer verified apps
2 YR	20	Fewer verified apps
PK 3	139	Additional verified apps
PK 4	263	Additional verified apps

Snapshot of PK 4 Availability

Snapshot of open PK 4 seats by funding source February 2018				
Program Type	Grade	Total open seats	# of schools with open seats	# of schools with 4 or more open seats
LA4	PK 4	68	18	7
Head Start	PK 4	22	6	1
NSECD	PK 4	33	7	5
Preschool Expansion	PK 4	14	5	2
		137	**36**	**15**

- Citywide, there were 137 open PK 4 seats.
  - 36 schools or centers had open seats,15 of those had 4 or more open seats.
- PK 4 programs in schools had 68 open seats citywide which is notable because most of these programs offer yellow bus transportation, which is desired by families.
- Many Head Start programs reduced their overall vacancies by moving open PK 4 seats to PK 3 where they were easier to fill.

Snapshot of PK 4 Availability

Snapshot of full programs PK 4 by funding source February 2018				
Program Type	Grade	# of programs full	Total # of programs	Percent programs full for PK 4
LA4	PK 4	23	41	56%
Head Start	PK 4	18	24	75%
NSECD	PK 4	7	14	50%
Preschool Expansion	PK 4	1	6	17%

- This chart shows:
  - the number of programs that are full for PK 4,
  - the total number programs for that funding source and
  - the percentage of programs with seats that are full.
- Head Start is the program with the highest percentage of seats filled, likely due to the ability to move PK 4 seats to PK 3 where they could fill.

Open Enrollment

What is Open Enrollment?

- If a family misses the OneApp Main Round but is still seeking an early childhood placement for the upcoming school year, they can enroll into open seats or be added to waitlists during Open Enrollment. Open Enrollment is a first-come, first-served process.

What is the timeline for Open Enrollment?

- Open Enrollment begins for early childhood families on April 23rd and ends on June 27th for system maintenance. K-12 families may apply in OneApp Round 2.

What should schools/centers do during Open Enrollment?

- Schools and centers with open seats should hold recruitment events.
- Direct all interested families to an EnrollNOLA event/FRC to finish the process.
    - Families who completed a MR application or EC Eligibility check and got verified can be added directly to desired open seats and/or waitlists.
    - Families new to the process should bring their documents to complete verification and choose a seat or get added to waitlists.
    - Next step for an assigned family: Complete registration at the school or center!

Open Enrollment Transition to Late Enrollment

Open Enrollment ends

- June 27th - Open Enrollment ends for system maintenance

- Between June 28th and July 16th no early childhood placements or waitlist offers will be made.

Late Enrollment begins

- July 9th to 12th- Late Enrollment begins for K-12 ONLY

- July 9th to 12th - Families seeking EHS or HS placements for 18/19 will be directed to an EHS or HS center to complete EC eligibility check and be added to waitlists.

- July 16th- Waitlist offers for 18/19 resume, all programs.

- PK 4 placements at Family Resource Centers resume July 16th.

- First-come, first-served placements will continue for early childhood through out the school year until all seats are filled.

OneApp Important Dates

Date	Action
Week of April 16	• Round 2 Launch (K-12)
April 23rd	• Open Enrollment begins with Kick Off Events: Kingsley House Gym (4/23) & St. David Head Start Gym (4/24). No EC @ FRCs these days
May 11	• Early Window deadline for Round 2 (K-12)
May 25	• Round 2 application deadline (K-12)
Week of June 25	• Round 2 results available (K-12) • Open Enrollment ends
July 9	• Late Enrollment Begins (K-12)
July 27	• Registration deadline; programs can choose whether to enforce deadline

City of New Orleans/ NOEEN ECE Seats

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Overview of City of New Orleans/NOEEN ECE Seats

- **$750,000 committed for 18-19 school year**
  - $600,00 for 50 seats at $12,000/year
  - $150,000 for administrative and enhancement costs
- NOEEN is still pursuing additional private funding for additional seats
- Participating sites must have at least an average CLASS score of at least 3.75 (higher tier of Approaching Proficient)
- Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) is expected to be signed in April.
- Once CEA is signed, recruitment of sites and families will begin.

Key Decisions

Which children will be eligible?

Age	Under 3 (as of 9/30/2018)
Income	Less than federal poverty level (consistent with Early Head Start)
Priorities	Children with a disability (as documented by an Individualized Family Service Plan), children in foster care and children in homeless families

Children will apply and verify, and be matched to programs through EnrollNOLA.

Which programs can participate?

Licensed type III centers with average CLASS scores of at least 3.75. They will apply to offer a set number of seats through a modified version of the Coordinated Funding Request process.

Key Decisions: Quality Standards

Dimension	Standard
Child Assessment	Use GOLD actively
Curriculum	Tier 1 Curriculum in place
Ratios	one adult for every four infants/toddlers
Group Size	maximum of 8
Staff Credentials	Teachers must have at least a CDA. Teachers with a degree should have the degree in early childhood education or at least 12 credits in early childhood education.
Schedule	10 hour days, year round
Nutrition	Programs must participate in the food program
Attendance	Children should attend at least 75% of days in a month.

MMCI

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Overview of Pre-K Supplemental Funding Grant

- **$470,000** grant to provide MMCI training to 100 classrooms in Approaching Proficient & Unsatisfactory sites
- There are at least 256 eligible classrooms in 82 sites in New Orleans:

Setting	Sites (n)	Toddler Classrooms	Pre-K Classrooms	Total Pre-K and Toddler Classrooms
Private Type III Early Learning Centers	55	100	82	182
Early Head Start & Head Start-Only Centers	6	8	15	23
Nonpublic Schools	7	0	16	16
Public Schools	14	0	35	35
TOTAL	**82**	**108**	**148**	**256**

What is MMCI?

- a “group coaching” model developed by Teachstone designed to provide in-depth understanding of CLASS dimensions and domains
- **10** two-hour trainings (either infant-toddler or Pre-K) delivered by a trained instructor

Grant Features

- At least **180 participants**
- Completers will receive $500 stipends
- Partner agency staff and Agenda staff will be recruited to become MMCI instructors
- Instructors will need to provide 10 trainings to one cohort; if they provide trainings to two cohorts, they can become certified MMCI instructors.
- MMCI sessions will begin this summer/fall and will be completed by September 2019.

Next Steps

- NOEEN will host informational sessions for potential instructors & participants.
- Be on the lookout for applications for instructors and participants!

NOEEN Steering Committee
Pre-K Tuition Discussion
March 2018

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Tuition Overview

- **Offering tuition-based seats allows schools to increase socio-economic diversity and allows the network to disperse limited LA4 seats to more schools.**

- **Most schools lose money on LA4.** At $4,580 per child, schools receive less funding for PK4 than for older grades, even though LA4 classrooms need to meet much higher standards in terms of class size (20) and teacher-child ratios (1:10).

Current Tuition Policy

Which programs are affected?

PK4 programs that also serve LA4 children

How can schools offer LA 4-PK4 Tuition Combination Programs?

- Schools must indicate a plan to provide tuition PK4 seats in writing through NOEEN's Coordinated Funding Request.
- All charter schools shall charge no more than $4,580 total for the school year for PK4 Tuition unless the charter school makes a formal request to charge a higher amount. Requests must be included in the Coordinated Funding Request and must include the proposed tuition amount(s) and written justification or documentation demonstrating that the tuition amount for any child does not exceed the average per child amount the school spends for LA 4 eligible children in the class, excluding the costs for classroom space and utilities.

When can tuition be charged?

Tuition may be charged for any child who does not meet eligibility requirements (185% or less of the Federal Poverty Level) or has an IEP (funded through MFP).

Problem Statement

Current policy/Practice	Considerations & Possible Solutions
The CFR process has not explicitly collected information about how much tuition sites wish to charge.	The CFR process should be amended to explicitly address the amount of tuition, to include requesting consistent information requested for waivers to charge tuition in excess of $4,580.
Many schools are unaware that a waiver process (to charge more) exists.	The CFR should address this explicitly.
The policy is not clear on which body has the authority to approve tuition in excess of $4,580, nor is it clear on which basis waivers will be approved or denied.	• Does the NOEEN Steering Committee vote as an action item for all tuition requests collected in the CFR process? • Or only above a threshold (what is that threshold?) • Guidelines for making these decisions should be developed.

Problem Statement

Current policy/Practice	Considerations & Possible Solutions
Enforcement and repercussions are unclear.	Which agency is responsible for oversight of tuition charges? ➢ What are the repercussions?
Due to school closures and takeovers, several schools have started PK programs outside the normal CFR process.	The policy should address how decisions are made if LA4 seats are allocated outside the standard CFR process. • If NOEEN Steering Committee approval is needed, is electronic voting permitted (expedited decisions may be necessary due to EnrollNOLA Main Round deadlines)?

Suggested Revisions

	Suggested Change	Intended Impact
1	Include language in the policy: "Each/all request(s) for tuition approval(s) must be voted and approved, by simple majority, of the NOEEN Steering Committee."	Schools are informed of the way by which their requests are approved/rejected.
2	Establish a sliding scale guidance	Provides schools and families a cost that does not price any families out of access to a public school's Pre-K
3	EnrollNOLA will coordinate a yearly report on the tuition costs that are collected from both the school and a random selection of families.	EnrollNOLA remains responsible for being informed of the costs advertised and assessed to families.