



City of New Orleans/ NOEEN ECE Seats



Agenda for CHILDREN

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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 no longer pursuing private funding for additional seats, but is currently pursuing private funding to evaluate the project.
- Participating sites must have at least an average CLASS score of at least 3.75 (higher tier of Approaching Proficient)
- Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) will be signed in May.
- Once CEA is signed, recruitment of sites and families will begin.
- NOEEN anticipates that the seats will be filled by families currently on waitlists for seats.

Timeline

Activity	Timeframe
NOEEN selects Type III early learning centers with minimum CLASS scores of at least 3.75 to contract with for 50 early learning seats for children under the age of three. Sites will be selected using NOEEN's established coordinated funding request process, which will include an application, site visits, scoring by an evaluation committee and establishment of MOUs between NOEEN and selected sites.	<p>April 2018: Application launches</p> <p>May 2018: Site Selection & Approval</p>
New Seats are entered into EnrollNOLA and sites begin recruitment.	June 1, 2018
Families apply for seats and are matched to programs through EnrollNOLA.	June 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018
NOEEN hires staff to manage the project and provide center/family support.	May 2018
NOEEN ensures that all classroom teachers in participating classrooms receive ongoing professional development.	July 2018 – July 2019
NOEEN monitors programs regularly to ensure compliance with quality standards, attendance and all other program standards.	August 2018-July 2019
City Seats for the 2019-2020 school year are allocated as part of the NOEEN Coordinated Funding Request (CFR) Process for the 2019-2020 school year.	<p>CFR applications will launch in October 2018. The NOEEN Steering Committee will make formal recommendations no later than December 1, 2018.</p>
City Seats are placed into EnrollNOLA's Main Round for the 2019-2020 school year.	November 2018

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. All programs must have a performance profile from the 2016-17 school year. Additionally, programs must have sufficient space to offer these seats without displacing existing students.

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, with goal of having 6-7 classrooms
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
Staff PD	Teachers will participate in 10 days of professional development each year
Nutrition	Programs must participate in the food program
Attendance	Children should attend at least 75% of days in a month.
Evaluation	Programs will participate in project evaluation
Classroom	To support and assess program quality, the Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale will be utilized