NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting

September 10, 2020

NOEEN New Orleans Early Education Network

Meeting Agenda

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1. General Assembly
2. Coordinated Funding
3. Coordinated Enrollment and Information Campaign
4. Coordinated Observations & Support
5. Ready Start Network Update

General Assembly

- Welcome Back!
- Call to Order & Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda

Coordinated Funding Update

- City Seats Allocation & Program Design
- LA4 & NSECD Allocation
- What to Expect for 2021-2021 CFR Processes

City Seats
Allocations & Program

- Program Design
    - We're proud to **continue existing partnerships** with Tulane University, Louisiana State University, and Training Grounds for high-quality wraparound supports.
    - We are currently seeking **additional service providers** for social work and business administrative support services.
    - Our goal is to onboard new wraparound support services **by October 1, 2020.**
- Funding
    - Since June 2020, **the Office of Youth and Families funded City Seats for an additional $1.5 mil!**
    - The increase in funding offers us an opportunity to reach up to 100 additional children in need.

City Seats
Proposed Allocation

Proposal:

- Distribute 100 total additional seats for children B-2.
- Distribute to all center-grades with active waitlists.
- Distribute fairly to the extent possible, while meeting family demand.
- Distribute an even number of seats to centers with two sites.

- **On the Provider Level, allocate:**

    - To center grades with 1+ child on the waitlist, as of the time of allocation.
    - Up to a maximum of 4 new seats, in any one grade, to qualifying sites.
    - Matching waitlists, where possible, as of the time of allocation.

Center Name	10/1 Available	10/1 Target	Students on Waitlist	New Seats
Children's Palace	0	19	25	14
Clara's Little Lambs	3	6	3	3
Cuddly Bear	2	13	21	9
John Hoffman	0	8	6	5
Kid's Kingdom Academy	4	6	3	3
Kids of Excellence Academy Franklin Ave	4	8	3	4
McMillian's First Steps CDC	2	5	5	5
Open Minds Open Hearts	0	14	8	7
ReNew Early Childhood Center	1	11	12	1
Royal Castle	1	10	20	11
Sentino Early Academy Too	2	18	14	10
Shiloh Gardens	5	5	1	1
The Preschool Learning Center	2	11	11	11
Toddler's University	4	6	2	2
Wilcox Academy Central City	0	8	19	6
Wilcox Academy of Early Learning Too	2	6	5	8
Grand Total	38	176	176	100

	SEATS
Infant	23
1 YR	37
2 YR	40
Total	100

- Centers whose recommendations do not follow the standard described in the previous slide submitted a specific request for seats that was granted.
- Centers/grades not listed have active open seats without waitlists, and therefore are not recommended for additional seats at this time.

City Seats
Discussion & Vote

Motion to distribute CITY FUNDED SEATS to new and existing providers per proposal herein:

- Distribute 100 total additional seats for children B-2 , across centers with active waitlists, guided by the following values:
    - Meet demand (allocate to center grades with waitlists).
    - Deliver up to 4 new seats, in any one grade, to eligible sites.
    - Goal of matching waitlists where possible.

No motion or lack of consensus will result in a delay of allocation of seats.

LA4 & NSECD
Allocations & Program

- LA4
  - LA4 program enrollment and attendance is depressed citywide as a result of COVID-19 and the great uncertainty it has introduced for schools and families.
  - As a result, some LA4 programs have opted to return some of their LA4 seats.
  - Presently, we have a bank of 121 returned LA4 seats to reallocate or return to LDE.
- NSECD
  - We do not have additional NSECD seats to reallocate or return at this time.

LA4 & NSECD
Allocations & Program

- LA4 returned seats:

Site Code	LEA/Site Name	LA4 Allocation	Status	CHANGE	LA4 FINAL
363001_C	Harriet Tubman at Clara's Little Lambs	15	Partial	-15	0
363001	Harriet Tubman Charter School	50	Whole	-20	30
390001	James M. Singleton Charter School	35	Partial	-35	0
393001	Lafayette Academy	38	Partial	-18	20
WBP001	McDonogh 42 Charter School	38	Partial	-18	20
NEW	Paul Habans @ Clara's (Federal City)	15	Partial	-15	0

RETURNED SEATS
121

LA4 & NSECD Allocations & Program

- LA4 programs currently confirmed seeking additional seats:

Site Code	LEA/Site Name	LA4 Allocation	Status	REQUEST	LA4 FINAL
399004	Phillis Wheatley Community School	38	Partial	2	38

LA4 & NSECD Proposals

a. Fulfill confirmed request; return remainder to LDE.

b. Fulfill confirmed request; retain remainder for potential distribution over the year.

c. Fulfill confirmed request; retain portion of remainder for potential distribution.

d. Return all to LDE.

Highlighted options are the recommended route of NOEEN.

LA4 & NSECD

Discussion & Vote

- Discuss options.
- Motion to distribute and/or return LA4 SEATS
- Vote.

CFR 2020-2021
What to Expect

- As a reminder, Agenda for Children / NOEEN and NOLA-PS are now officially co-Lead Agencies for Orleans Parish publicly-funded EC programs.
- We agreed upon the following split in Lead Agency responsibilities:

Mandated Function	**2020-2021 Lead**
Coordinate CLASS® observations.	Agenda for Children
Coordinate early childhood enrollment.	NOLA Public Schools
Coordinate distribution of public funds; Super App.	Agenda for Children & NOLA-PS

- Moving forward, NOLA-PS will assume CFR duties. We will discuss further as we approach the Super App and other CFR processes.

NOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EVERY CHILD. EVERY SCHOOL. EVERY DAY.

Enrollment Update

September 10, 2020

Welcoming Dr. Angelique Thomas

- Earned her Ed.D. At Clark Atlanta University in May 2018
  - Dissertation: “A Mixed Method Study of how Screen Time Affects Cognitive Development of Children Between the Ages of Four & Five at One Early Childhood Education Center”
- Has served in a variety of roles in both child centers, and the CCR&R
  - Quality Assurance
  - ECE State Trainer
  - Childcare Operations Manager
  - Bright Horizons Auditor
  - Georgia Child Care Association Board Member
  - CCR&R Manager of Cobb County

Enrollment Update

- NOLA PS continues to fill seats virtually
  - ***EPC scores are being calculated daily***
  - Head Start Providers: Continue to do verifications via DocuWare
  - LA-4: We continue to do verifications via DocuWare and do placement via wait list (like how Head Start seats are filled)
- We will launch coordinated information campaign focused on families who haven't enrolled because classes were virtual & share info on fall application
  - ***What avenues should we explore as we launch additional outreach in the coming weeks? (social media, email)***
- Planning for Application 2020-21
  - We plan to reconvene the Enrollment subcommittee to discuss virtual verifications and what process improvements we'd like to make, or if we'd like to continue this process.
  - Collaborating with the state on their timeline for this year to allocate seats
- NOEEN & NOLA-PS have formally partnered on projects to increase our outreach to vulnerable student populations including ELLs, SWD, Homeless students, and children in the foster system or DCFS.

Open Seats in Early Childhood

- Compared with the same time last year we had ~180 open LA4 seats at this time in the year
- We see the state being flexible due to trends they are seeing statewide on early childhood enrollment.
- Now that EC providers are increasingly doing in-person instruction, it will be important to communicate that to families, so they are aware of availability as they seek childcare.

	Available Seats	Total Seats	% of Seats Filled
EHS	49	650	92%
Gifted	0	16	100%
Head Start	279	1651	83%
LA4	438	1522	71%
NOEEN	41	176	77%
NSECD	95	414	77%
Tuition	29	211	86%
Grand Total	931	4640	80%

Coordinated Observation Update

- 2020-2021 CLASS Guidance
  - Observations will be conducted during the 2020-2021 school year.
  - The LDE has released extensive CLASS guidance in light of COVID-19:
    - Observers are designated “essential visitors”
    - Essential visitors are allowed during all phases of COVID-19 recovery.
    - Virtual classrooms are not required to be observed.
    - Reasonable adaptations will be allowed.
  - Full guidance is available here.
  - Performance Measurements
    - CLASS Protocol has been adjusted to account for shifts in interactions.
    - We can expect performance measurements to likewise shift.

Ready Start Network Update

- 2019-2020 Session Recap
- 2020-2021 Session Goals
- RSN Initiatives: ECHO, Pritzker, CORE
- CCR&R Update
- Housekeeping & Next Steps

2019-2020 Session Recap

Public Funding 2019-2020	Seats	Rate	Cost
NSECD	457	$ 4,580.00	$ 2,093,060.00
LA4	1653	$ 4,580.00	$ 7,570,740.00
City Seats	112	$12,000.00	$ 1,344,000.00
EHS*	609	$ -	$ -
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PDG - Infants	33	$11,462.00	$ 378,246.00
PDG - 1 YR	43	$10,934.00	$ 470,162.00
PDG - 2 YR	0	$10,934.00	$ -
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TOTAL	4548	$54,490.00	$ 12,170,248.00

NOEEN will administer over $12 million in public funds earmarked for early childhood programming for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years for the 2020-2021 school year, compared to just over $11 million for the 2019-2020 school year.

This does not include CCAP, Early Head Start, or Head Start funding, which, though impactful to New Orleans families, NOEEN does not directly coordinate.

2019-2020 Session Recap

Public funds administered by NOEEN will increase for 2020-2021. However, **two primary funding sources, LA4 and NSECD, decreased for Orleans** due to an increase in overall statewide demand.

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LA4 is the largest source of NOEEN-administered publicly-funded early childhood education in Orleans Parish. LA4 funding decreased by 7%, or just over 100 seats; NSECD experienced a 10% decrease.

2019-2020 Session Recap

Program	*2019-2020 Number of Seats Filled, as of EOY (May 1)*	*2019-2020 Percentage of Seats Filled, as of EOY (May 1)*	*2020-2021 Number of Funded Seats, as of August 1*
LA4	1623/1687	96%	1534 (-9%)
NOEEN City Seats	111/112	99%	~200 (+79%)
NSECD	424/457	93%	414 (-9.4%)

- Combined supply, demand, and waitlist data for school-based PK4 programs indicate that **the loss of funding tracks appropriately with enrollment trends** over the 2020-2021 school year.

- Likewise, increases in B-3 funding tracks appropriately with enrollment trends, which indicate that the demand for publicly-funded B-3 programming significantly outstrips the supply.

- Due to COVID-19, we may **expect overall enrollment and/or attendance to diminish for the 2020-2021 school year, regardless of demand.** This may require a more nuanced approach to capturing supply, demand, and access.

2019-2020 Session Recap

We will be sharing additional detail on the 2019-2020 session, including enrollment and observation data, later this month.

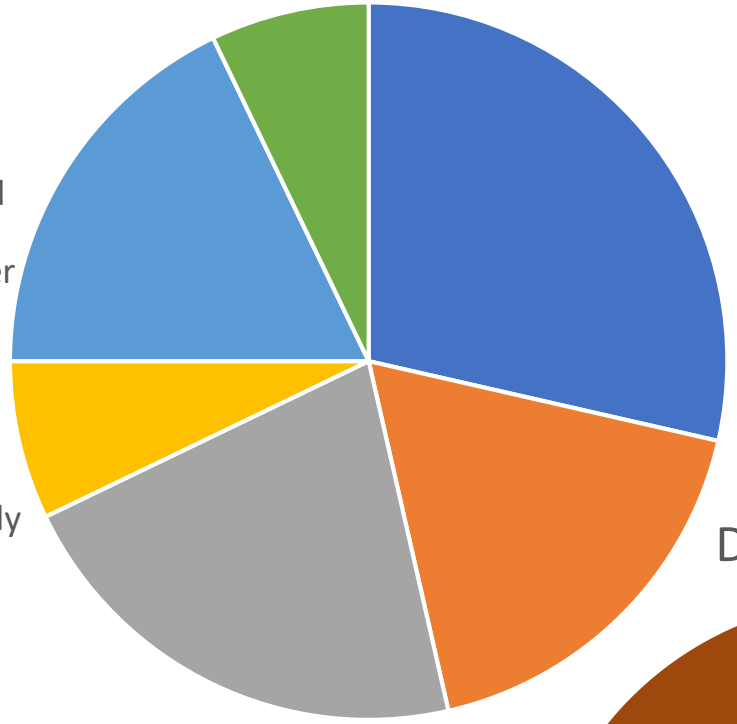
Stay tuned!

2020-2021 Session Goals

- Thank you to those who submitted the 2019-2020 Closeout Survey! We had a 75% response rate.
- Throughout the 2019-2020 session, we heard members express their desire to do more forward-looking, advocacy-based work.
- We also heard members express differing opinions on how NOEEN should or could be best positioned in key questions moving the EC sector forward.
- This survey attempts to bottle these sentiments, and start a conversation—how can we adapt our work to make the biggest impact?

Who is NOEEN Today?

CURRENT role of the NOEEN Steering Committee?



- To govern local execution of LDOE Lead Agency mandated functions.
- To formulate and advocate on behalf of values-positions relevant to early childhood policy and practice.
- To discuss issues of importance to the larger early childhood community, and to inform practice around said issues.
- To provide a big picture vision for the ece sector
- To drive the implementation of current early childhood policies and procedures.
- To create a supportive network within the provider community

‘To govern LDOE Lead Agency mandates’ was the most universally recognized “current role” of NOEEN among respondents.

78% of respondents agree or somewhat agree that NOEEN meets their vision for governance.

78% of respondents indicated that NOEEN is an effective and collegial collaborative body. *

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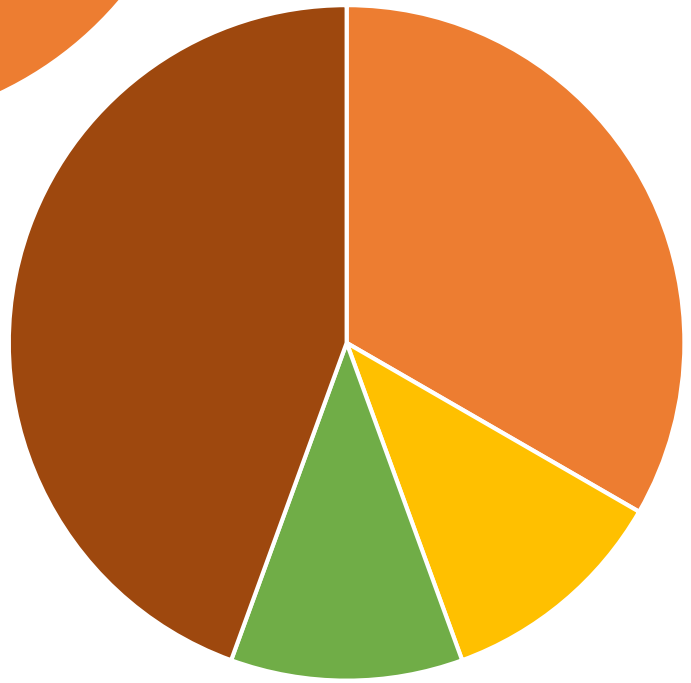
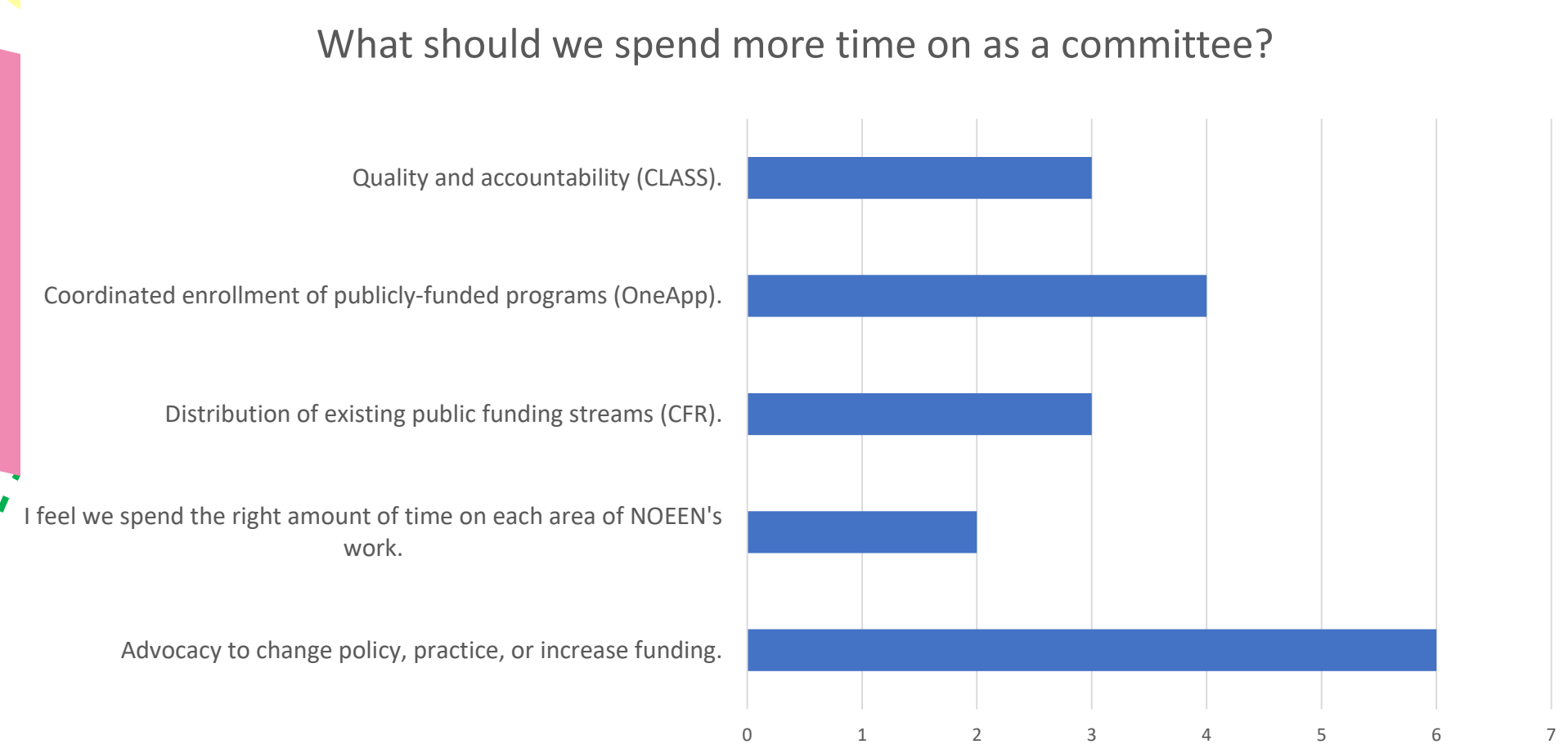
Does NOEEN Meet Your Vision for Governance?



- Somewhat Agree - NOEEN in some ways meets my vision, but in other ways falls short.
- Disagree - NOEEN mostly does not align with my vision for early childhood governance.
- Strongly Agree - NOEEN is exactly what I imagine early childhood governance should look like.
- Agree - NOEEN mostly aligns with my vision for early childhood governance.

Who Does NOEEN Aspire to Be?



67% of respondents expressed a desire to spend more time on forward-looking advocacy for change.

89% of respondents expressed a desire to spend more time on one or more aspects of NOEEN's work.

"We spend a lot of time discussing process but not vision for the future & how we should approach getting there"

2020-2021 Session Goals

- The majority of respondents agree that NOEEN is an effective, collegial body executing a shared vision for EC governance.

- However, nearly **70% of respondents indicated they desired to spend more time on advocacy**; 89% indicated they would like to spend more time on some aspect of NOEEN's work.

- In contrast, eight out of nine respondents defined NOEEN's current role as 'governing to meet LDE mandates,' where half that number defined our current role as one of advocacy. **Less than one quarter would describe NOEEN's current role as one of "big picture vision for early childhood."**

- For 2020-2021, NOEEN will seek to leverage its co-Lead Agency status to define a scope of work able to **execute policy, process, and vision.**

RSN Initiatives Updates

- ECHO Community Recovery Grant
  - This summer LDE **awarded NOEEN $625,200** to support in sector recovery.
  - Our Committee chose to pour funds directly into the community, through ECHO.
  - To-date, we have **issued $390,240 in grants**, across 59 sites in Orleans Parish.
  - This represents 57% of all eligible sites impacted. Next week we will launch a second round **aimed at reaching 100% of our eligible population.**

- Pritzker Grant
  - **NOEEN received a prestigious Pritzker Grant!**
  - Designed to supportive innovative, impactful, system-wide improvements in access to early education over a three years period.

- CORE partnership
  - This month, NOEEN launches a partnership with CORE to **provide free, weekly testing to early childhood staff and leadership.**

NOEEN & CCR&R Updates

- Agenda for Children's **CCR&R work has moved to a fully virtual** model.
  - Including EC coaching, interventions, and professional development.
  - We're committed to providing **responsive support** that meets early learning leaders and families where they are, while **emphasizing safety and stability.**
- Reminder: **CCR&R agencies have the duty to facilitate crisis respite childcare**.
  - Should Louisiana's present COVID situation change, **Agenda is prepared to resume respite responsibilities**, which could impact NOEEN work.
  - Hurricane Laura serves as a reminder that we must be prepared for the possibility of more than one crisis this fall.
  - Our team will be working with local and state leadership to support local child care providers in our region through times of crisis.

Housekeeping & Next Steps

2020-2021 Steering Committee Meetings:

- Cadence: **6 meetings annually, mostly-monthly.**
  - 89% of closeout survey respondents preferred this cadence.
- Time of day: **11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**
  - 100% of closeout survey respondents preferred this time.
- Meeting duration: **90 minutes**
  - 89% of closeout survey respondents preferred this duration.
- Day of Week: **Wednesday**
  - 67% of closeout survey respondents preferred this day of the week.
- Format: **In-Person & Virtual**
  - 56% of closeout survey respondents preferred both an in-person and virtual option moving forward, regardless of COVID.

Housekeeping & Next Steps

Proposed calendar of 2020-2021 Steering Committee meetings:

Wed @ 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM, virtual & in-person options (if allowable):

1. September 10, 2020
2. October 21, 2020
3. November 18, 2020
4. January 20, 2021
5. March 17, 2021
6. May 19, 2021

No meetings:

December
February
April

Recess:
June - August

City Seats Allocation Addendum

City Seats Allocations

Center Name	10/1 Available	10/1 Target	Students on Waitlist	New Seats
Children's Palace	**0**	**19**	**25**	**14**
1 YR	0	6	8	6
2 YR	0	12	16	6
INF	0	1	1	2
Clara's Little Lambs	**3**	**6**	**2**	**2**
1 YR	2	2	0	0
2 YR	0	2	1	1
INF	1	2	1	1
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2 YR	0	8	15	5
INF	2	2	1	1
John Hoffman	**0**	**8**	**6**	**5**
1 YR	0	1	4	3
2 YR	0	4	1	1
INF	0	3	1	1
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1 YR	1	2	1	1
2 YR	1	2	1	1
INF	2	2	1	1

City Seats Allocations

Center	10/1 Available	10/1 Target	Waitlist	New Setas
Kids of Excellence 2 on Higgins	**1**	**8**	**14**	**0**
1 YR	1	2	1	0
2 YR	0	3	9	0
INF	0	3	4	0
Kids of Excellence Academy Franklin Ave	**4**	**8**	**3**	**4**
1 YR	3	5	1	0
2 YR	0	1	1	0
INF	1	2	1	4
McMillian's First Steps CDC	**2**	**5**	**5**	**5**
1 YR	1	1	2	2
2 YR	1	2	1	1
INF	0	2	2	2
Open Minds Academy	**4**	**4**	**0**	**0**
INF	4	4	0	0
Open Minds Open Hearts	**0**	**14**	**8**	**7**
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2 YR	0	7	6	5

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INF	1	2	1	1
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2 YR	0	9	12	6
INF	2	4	1	2
Shiloh Gardens	**5**	**5**	**1**	**1**
1 YR	1	1	1	1
2 YR	2	2	0	0
INF	2	2	0	0

City Seats Allocations

Center	10/1 Available	10/1 Target	Waitlist	New Setas
The Preschool Learning Center	**2**	**11**	**11**	**11**
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2 YR	0	6	5	5
INF	2	2	3	3
Toddler's University	**4**	**6**	**2**	**2**
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Wilcox Academy of Early Learning Too	**2**	**6**	**5**	**8**
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