



2020-2021

CITY SEATS PROGRAM

THE CITY SEATS PROGRAM WAS CREATED IN 2018 TO MEET THE NEED FOR QUALITY INFANT AND TODDLER CARE AND EDUCATION IN NEW ORLEANS. FUNDING FROM THE CITY COUNCIL, THE MAYOR, BUSINESSES, AND PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS, SUPPORTS INCREASED ACCESS TO QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES TO LOW INCOME CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Access

Increased access to 200 quality infant and toddler care seats in 20 childcare centers across the city.

Access will be doubled to 400 seats in 2021-2022 with matching funds from the Louisiana Department of Education.

Quality

Improved quality by providing educational coaching, mental health consultation, and professional development to participating child care centers.

NOEEN accessed federal early childhood workforce stabilization grants to support centers in 2021-2022.

Comprehensive Services

Provided wrap-around services to children and families including developmental screening, hearing and vision screening, and social work.

Enhanced special needs support and social work services will be added in 2021-2022.

2020-2021 Program Highlights

- maintained high enrollment and attendance
- supported working families; 60% of families were working and/or in school
- shifted to virtual platforms to provide over 300 hours of coaching during the pandemic
- supported educators and families with ongoing mental health consultation
- provided high-quality professional development with an emphasis on child social-emotional learning and staff self-care
- improved developmental screening and referral, resulting in increased enrollment of children with special needs to 6%
- added social work services for parents and staff