NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK (NOEEN)

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

September 17, 2025

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MEMBER	ENTITY REPRESENTED
Stacey Barquet	Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver
Tomorow Fondal	Louisiana Department of Health Early Steps System Point of Entry
Thelma French	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Dr. Fateama Fulmore	NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS)
Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire	Child Find
Amy Hook-Poirier	Orleans Parish Ready Start Network
Asya Howlette	City of New Orleans Mayor's Office
Sheraé Hunter	New Orleans City Council
Jonika Julian-Harris	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
VACANT	Head Start
Tonia Loria	Orleans Parish Child Care Resource & Referral Agency
Kate Mehok	Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4)
Joy Mitchell	Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
Angelique Morris Francois	CCAP B-3
Yolanda Motley	Early Head Start
Emmy O'Dwyer	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Amanda Peek	Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver
Benita Plaisance	Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Program (NSECD)
Melanie Richardson	Family Child Care Providers
Jen Roberts	NOEEN Nonprofit Corporation Board of Directors
Monique B. Rouege	Early Childhood Education Fund (ECEF)
Rochelle Wilcox	City Seats

NOEEN'S MISSION

To ensure an excellent start for every child in New Orleans by strengthening early childhood education and providing families access to high-quality early learning programs that help them realize their dreams for their children.

III. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Motion is to adopt the draft minutes from the:

- *August 20, 2025 NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting*

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

IV. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES + CONSIDERATIONS

COMMUNITY NETWORK LEAD AGENCY (CNLA) UPDATES

August 20, 2025 to Present

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT UPDATES

August 20, 2025 to Present

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2025–2026 UPDATES

25-26 ENROLLMENT UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Funding Source	Total Filled	Seats Offered	Total Allocation	Percentage of Seats Filled	Infants		1 Year Olds		2 Year Olds		3 Year Olds		4 Year Olds	
					Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats
CS	991	3	1000	99%	105	5	217	0	325	1	354	1		
ECEF	758	13	834	91%	102	16	175	17	218	4	339	26		
EHS	628	2	636	99%	76	0	220	1	338	3				
HS	896	7	936	96%							480	10	456	23
LA4	1,223	6	1,260	97%									1,260	31
NSECD	368	1	372	99%							81	0	291	3
Total Seats	4,864	32	5,038	97%	283	21	612	18	881	8	1,254	37	2,007	57
*pending final allocation (ECEF) after initial redetermination phase					*93% Filled*		*97% Filled*		*99% Filled*		*97% Filled*		*97% Filled*	

NOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

2025-2026 Timeline

Sept 2025

Open Enrollment Fall Edition

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Sept 1: *Begin Avela discussion*

Sept 4: *LA4 audit*

Sept 15: *EC School Exploration prep begins*

Sept 15: *Review LA4 open seats for decisions*

Oct 2025

26-27 Application Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Oct 15: *Review EC priorities*

Avela changes finalized

Oct 15: *EC School Exploration meetings begin*

Nov 2025

Main Round Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Media Campaign begins

Nov 5, 12 & 19: *EC Mighty Minutes for Families of Tiny Tots*

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

Dec 2025

Main Round Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Staff refresher training

Dec 3: *EC Mighty Minutes for Families of Tiny Tots*

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

Jan 2026

Main Round Launch

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Jan 5: *Main Round Application Opens*

Verifications begin

Jan 9: *In person verifications begin*

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

Jan 31: *EC School Exploration Fair*

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2025-2026 Timeline

Feb 2026
Main Round Closes

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Feb 20: *Main round app closes for new applications*

Feb 23 - Feb 27: *Document Submission Period for incomplete applications 5pm*

Document review period begins

Mar 2026
Main Round Match Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Mar 6: *Document Review period ends 5pm*
Main Round Application closed

Mar 9-10: *Incomplete Family Messages (Getting Ready for Open Enrollment)*

By Mar 13: *Priorities sent to providers*

Office Hours will be held

Mar 20: *Priorities due from providers*

Mar 27: *Preliminary Waitlist Feedback due*

Apr 2026
Main Round Results Released

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

BESE Allocations

Week of April 27 *- Match results released* ***(EHS, HS, LA4, NSECD)***

May 2026
Open Enrollment Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

May 4: *Deactivation Requests begin for declined seats*

May 22: *Registration Deadline*

Deactivation Requests begin families who missed registration deadline

May 30: *2025-2026 Open Enrollment Ends*

2025-2026 *application closes*

June 2026
Open Enrollment

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

June 1: *Open Enrollment begins (Early Head Start, Head Start, LA4, NSECD)*

TBD: Open Enrollment begins (City Seats, ECEF, CCAP B-3)

June 3,10, 17 &24: *Summer In-person verifications*

Wednesdays in July

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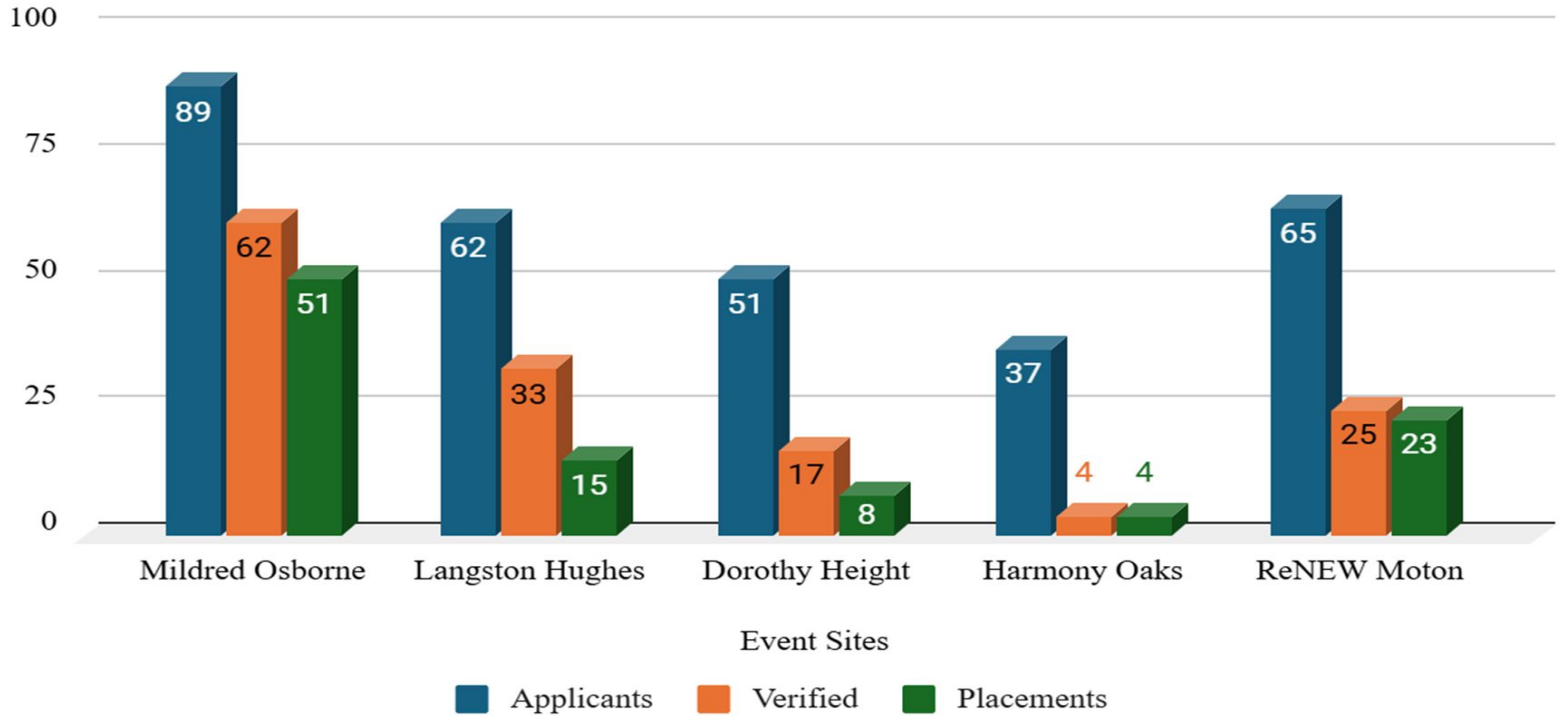
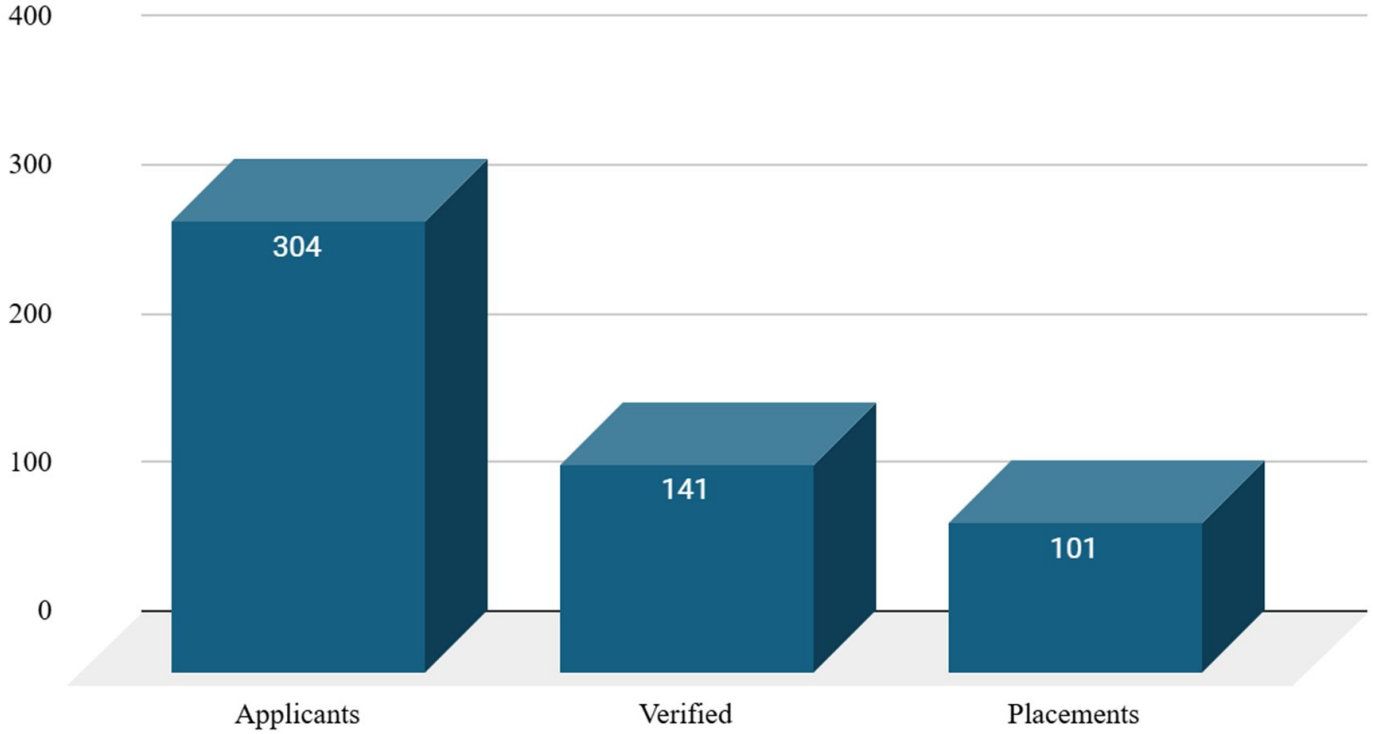
PAST EVENTS

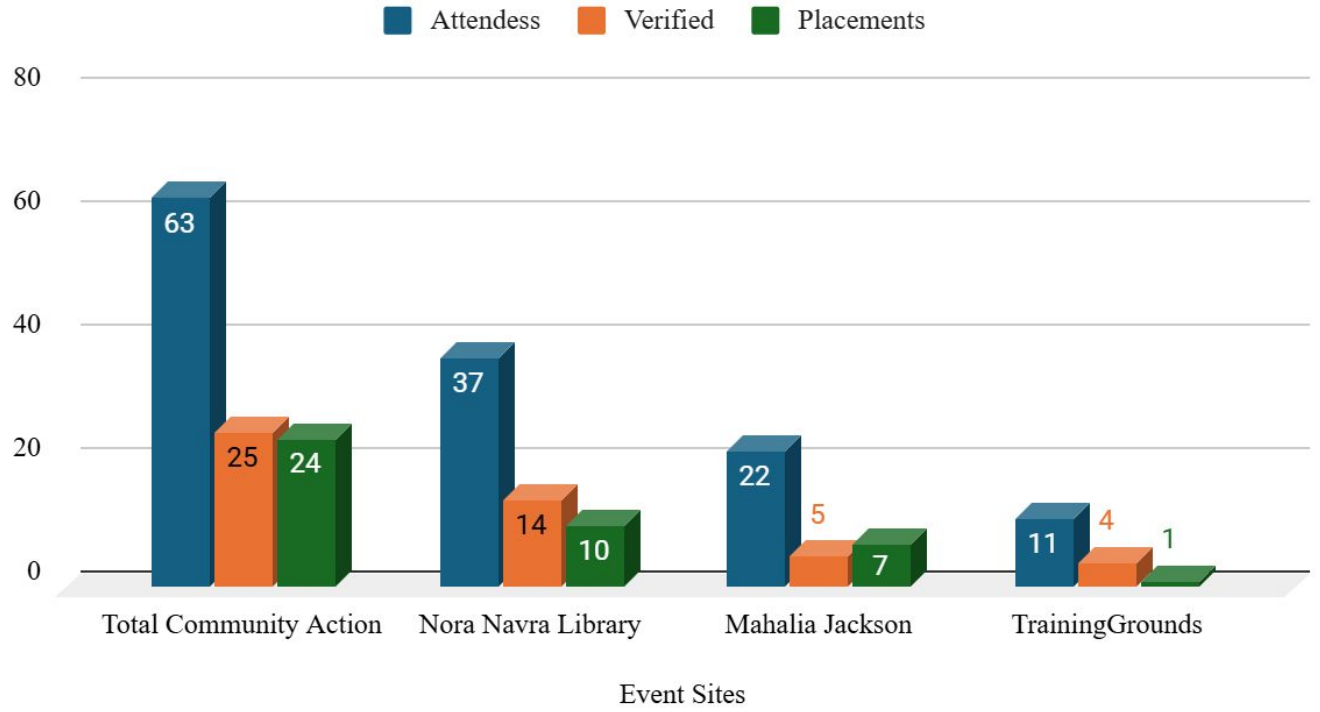
Resource Wednesdays Summer Events

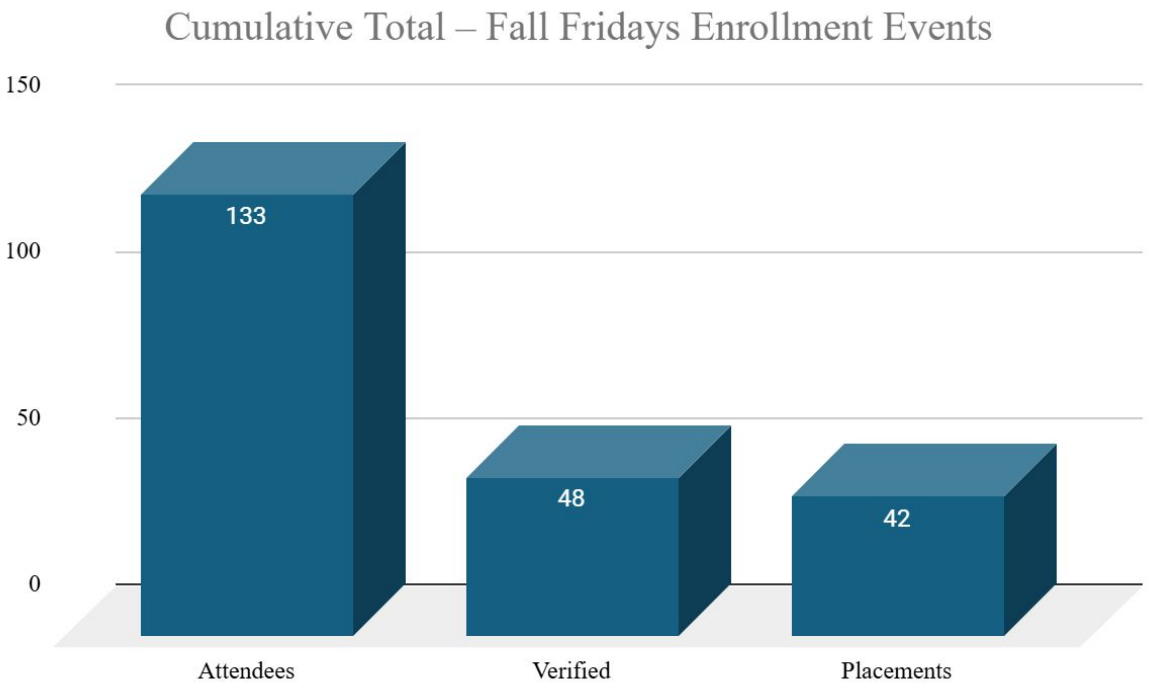


Cumulative Total for Resource Wednesdays Summer Event



Fall Fridays Event Data




Cumulative Total – Fall Fridays Enrollment Events
150
100
50
0
133
48
42
Attendees
Verified
Placements

Feedback from Summer Events

- Across all Summer Verification Events, families expressed overwhelmingly positive feedback about their experience.
- The events were consistently described as well-organized, with high marks for the check-in process, clear instructions, and effective communication about required documents.
- Most families completed verification in 30 minutes or less, often under 15 minutes, reflecting a streamlined and efficient process.
- The assistance provided by verifiers was frequently rated as very good, and locations and facilities were well-received by nearly all respondents.
- Families also noted that they received timely reminders and appreciated the opportunity for one-on-one support.
- Overall satisfaction remained consistently high throughout each event, with nearly all participants indicating they would recommend the experience to others.
- Open-ended responses praised the professionalism and kindness of staff, quick service, and helpful follow-up, while minor suggestions included clearer signage and improved email responsiveness.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

Upcoming Events

NOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

WE WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN EARLY LEARNING VERIFICATION EVENT AT YOUR SITE!

Are you interested in providing essential support to families in your community? The NOLA-PS Early Learning & Childcare Team is looking to partner with local centers and schools to host Early Learning Verification events.

Host an In-person Event

INTERESTED?

Contact us today by sending an email to hkelly@nolapublicschools.com (with the subject line (“Host Verification Event”) to learn more and schedule an event at your site.

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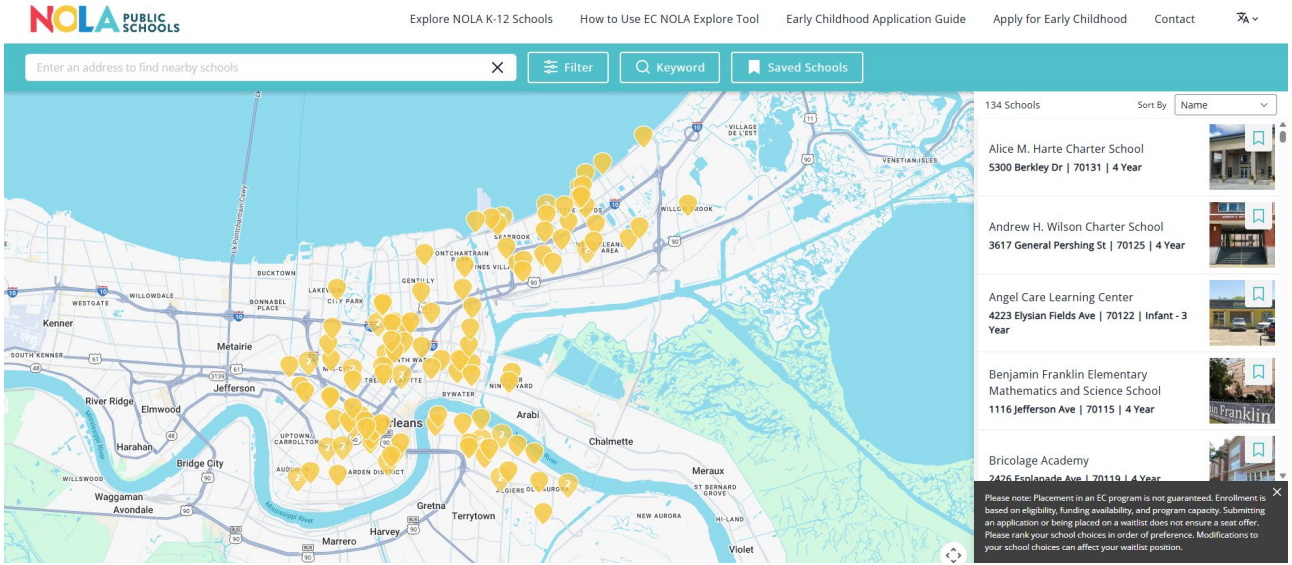
NEW INITIATIVES

EC Explore Tool Update

Link: https://ecnola.explore.avela.org/



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Video Campaign: Reasons to Enroll

Reasons to Enroll Video Series Overview

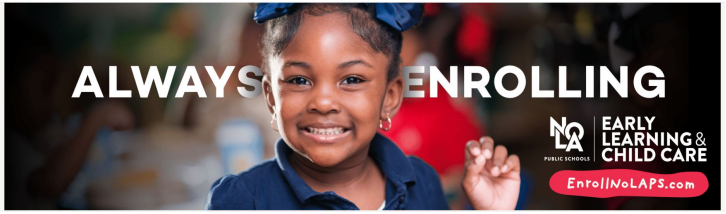
- Tone: Educational and emotional, with a strong call to action
- Filming Locations: NOLA-PS schools and early learning centers
- Featuring: Real people from the NOLA-PS community

Planned Video Topics:

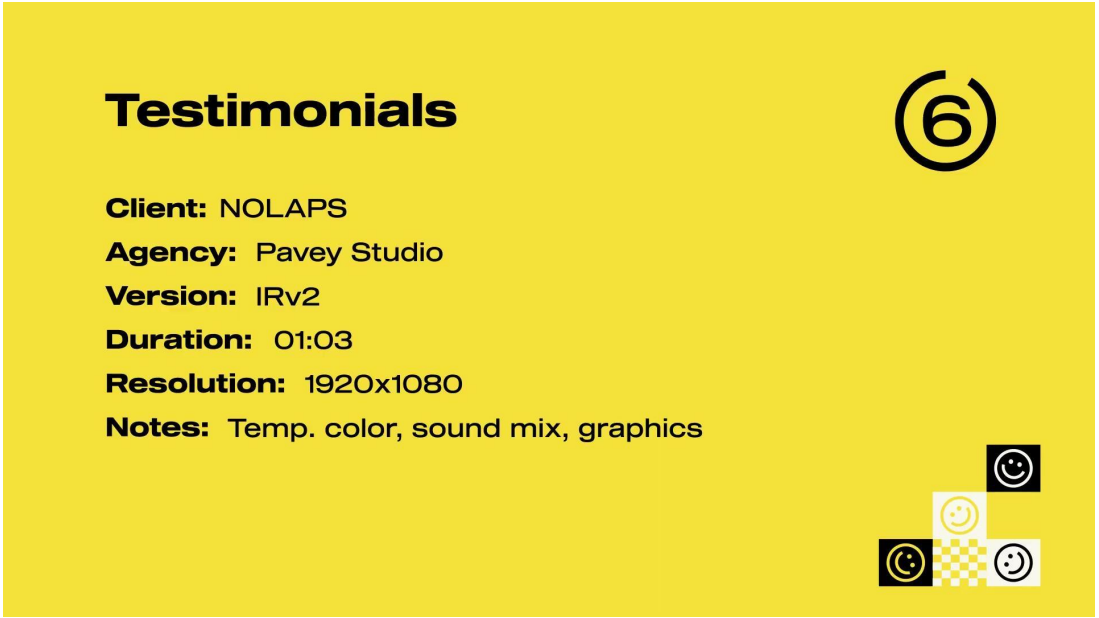
- Enroll: Get Your Child School-Ready – Early Learning Representative
- Enroll: Because Children Are Born to Learn – NOEEN Partner Educator
- Enroll: Bright Beginnings – Two Parent Testimonials
- Enroll: Future Leaders – Board Member: A Smarter, Stronger Community
- Enroll: With Us – Application Journey featuring NOLA-PS's Jonika Julian
- Enroll: Success – Superintendent Fulmore on Data-Driven Outcomes

Additional Stories:

- Hispanic and Vietnamese family testimonials
- Infant stories featuring new moms



TESTIMONIAL VIDEO



EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

August 20, 2025 to Present

OFFICER TRANSITIONS

- Chair
  - Thelma French's term as chair is currently concluding; thank you Ms. Thelma for your leadership of this body!
  - Upon nomination by the Executive Subcommittee and approval by the Steering Committee, Rochelle Wilcox will assume the role of Chair.
- Vice Chair
  - The role of Vice Chair will become vacant; the Executive Subcommittee will consider potential candidates.
- Past Chair
  - Thelma French will assume the role of Past Chair for a two-year term, beginning immediately.

OFFICER TRANSITIONS

- The Chair shall…
  - Preside at all meetings of the Steering Committee and perform such duties as may be required, including:
    - Working with the Co-Lead Agencies and Ready Start Network to prepare meeting agendas
    - Regularly review progress toward the successful implementation of the NOEEN Strategic Plan
  - Participate in Subcommittees and Working Groups as outlined in Article II, Section 9 and Article II, Section 10.

ACTION ITEM

Motion is to approve the nomination of Rochelle Wilcox as the Chair of the NOEEN Steering Committee.

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

CONGRATULATIONS, ROCHELLE!

THANK YOU, MS. THELMA!

BYLAWS REVIEW

The Executive Subcommittee is currently in the process of completing a review of the NOEEN Bylaws.

Amendments will be voted on by the Executive Subcommittee and then brought to the Steering Committee for approval in the coming months.

FACILITIES WORKING GROUP

August 20, 2025 to Present

FACILITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING

One year ago, the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) launched the first round of ECE Facilities Grants. Over the past year, NORA has awarded 5 grants totaling $1.1 million.

The grant process to date and upcoming grant strategies will be discussed at the NOEEN Facilities Working Group Meeting on Monday, September 22 at 3:30pm at Agenda for Children (8300 Earhart Blvd, 1st Floor).

COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST (CFR)

August 20, 2025 to Present

2026-2027 NETWORK LEVEL COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST (CFR) PROCESS

2026-2027 Network Level Coordinated Funding Request (CFR) Process

During the September Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee meeting, the Subcommittee approved the following components of the 2026-2027 Network-Level Coordinated Funding Request (CFR) Process:

- ❑ 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent for All Providers
- ❑ 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application
- ❑ 2026-2027 Network Level CFR New Provider Criteria

The following slides include the recommended components of the process inclusive of the recommended edits proposed by the Subcommittee.

The Steering Committee is charged with reviewing and approving these processes at the conclusion of the presentation of the following slides and information within.

CFR Working Group Recommendation Implementation

Recommendation: Develop a New Process for Reviewing Applicants

The CFR Working Group recommended that a new, streamlined process for reviewing CFR applications be created.

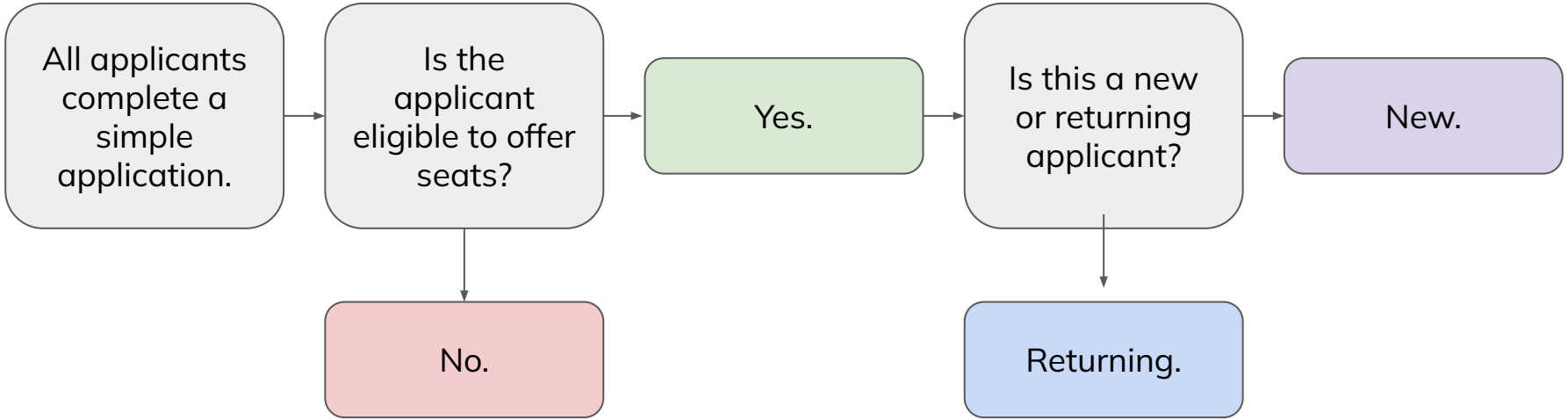
In response to the Working Group's recommendation, it is proposed that NOEEN should consider utilizing a different application as part of the 2026-2027 process:

- a simple application for all providers
- a simplified application for returning publicly-funded seat providers
- a more comprehensive application for providers not currently participating in publicly-funded seat programs

Implement a Simple Application

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee approved the use of a "simple application" as part of the 2026-2027 CFR Process.

All providers – "returning" publicly-funded seat providers and interested non-participating or "new" providers – will complete an initial, simple application to determine eligibility and sort applicants into two categories.



2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee approved the use of a 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent as the simple application for all providers, returning and new, who are interested in receiving publicly-funded seats in the 2026-2027 program year.

- This simplified application will enable the network to determine which providers meet the minimum eligibility requirements for publicly-funded seat programs...
  - eliminating the need for those who do not qualify to complete a more comprehensive application and
  - reducing the administrative burden on the CFR Review team, allowing them to focus on rating qualified applicants.

2026-2027
NOTICE OF INTENT

2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent

The Subcommittee approved 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent that will require all interested providers to provide information that will be utilized to determine the provider's eligibility to participate in publicly-funded seat (City Seats, ECEF, LA4, NSECD) programs.

Interested providers fall into two categories:

1. **Returning Providers -** Providers with sites that are currently receiving publicly-funded seats
2. **New Providers -** Providers with sites that are not receiving publicly-funded (City Seats, ECEF, LA4, NSECD) or returning providers with new sites

This notice will be utilized to determine*:

- which **returning providers** meet the minimum requirements for **Continuity of Care** without re-enrollment in the 2026-2027 program year.
- which **returning providers** meet the minimum requirements **to apply for additional publicly-funded seats** for the 2026-2027 program year, and
- which **new providers** meet the minimum requirements **to apply for publicly-funded seats** for the 2026-2027 program year.

**Meeting the "minimum requirements to receive Continuity of Care Seats in 2026-2017 or meeting minimum requirements to apply for additional publicly-funded seats does not mean that programs are guaranteed to receive a 2026-2027 seat allocation. Additionally, all seat allocations are dependent on the availability of funding.*

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2026-2027 Network Level Notice of Intent

The 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent includes the following criteria to access interested provider eligibility:

- Site Type
- Ages of Children Served
- Days of Operation
- Hours of Operation
- 24-25 Site Performance Profile Score
- Licensing Findings*

Additionally, all interested providers will be required to participate in a webinar about publicly-funded seat requirements and sign assurances indicating willingness and ability to comply with all publicly-funded seat program requirements (LA4, NSECD, ECEF, and City Seats).

**Only applies to licensed sites*

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2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent

The 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent will utilize a pass/fail scoring system.

Criteria	Interested providers must meet one or more of the following "pass" requirements per criteria to be eligible for seats in the 2026-2027 program year.
Site Type	Licensed Type III Child Care Center (ECEF, City Seats, NSECD) BESE-Approved Non-Public School (NSECD) BESE-Approved Public School (LA4)
Ages of Children Served	Infants to 3-year-olds (City Seats, ECEF) 3- and/or 4-year-olds (NSECD) 4-year-olds (LA4)
Days of Operation*	Full day, full year, 12-month program five (5) days/week (City Seats) Full-time, year-round care (ECEF) Five (5) days/week (LA4, NSECD)
Hours of Operation	Full day child care program during all days and hours of operation (City Seats) At least 30 hours per week and at least six hours of continuous care minimum per weekday (ECEF) Six (6)-hour instructional period per day (LA4) A total 57,750 minutes of instructional time per program year - all which have to be within the regular school day (NSECD)

**with the exception of designated professional development days, holidays, or closure due to natural disasters*

2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent

Criteria	Interested providers must meet one or more of the following "pass" requirements per criteria to be eligible for seats in the 2026-2027 program year.
24-25 Site Performance Profile Rating	Proficient or Higher (City Seats, ECEF, LA4, NSECD)
Additional Compliance Review	
Licensing Deficiency Review	The CFR Review Team will conduct a full LDOE Licensing Inspection Report audit encompassing the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 year to date for any licensed site as part of the approval process. Providers who have • findings related to failure to report Critical Incidents*, and/or • Repeat **(3 or more - inclusive of an initial licensing violation and two subsequent related additional violations)**, unresolved findings, related to child health, safety - including supervision, and well-being will be subject to failing the initial application.*** Although the review team is conducting this audit, applicants are also strongly encouraged to report this information as part of their application.

*Applicable critical incidents are listed as part of the 2026-2027 Seat Application Rubric
** Updated to include a specific quantity at the request of the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee
***The CFR Review Team in partnership with the Publicly-Funded Seat Administer have the authority to fail any applicant based on egregious licensing or findings.

Applicable Critical Incidents and Licensing Findings

List of Applicable Critical Incidents*

The following are considered applicable critical incidents:

- death;
- serious injury that required medical attention;
- a child left unsupervised for any amount of time (beyond ratio findings);
- an accident involving the transportation of children;
- any child given the wrong medication or an overdose of the correct medication;
- any other significant event relating to the health, safety, or well-being of any child, including but not limited to a lost child and abuse and neglect.

Applicable Licensing Findings*

The following are considered applicable licensing findings:

- failure to report abuse and neglect;
- failure to report critical incidents;
- physical safety;
- supervision;
- failure to meet licensing-required ratios or group sizes;
- safe sleep; and
- director qualifications,

CCBC and First Aid/CPR findings are no longer taken into account for the CFR process, however, programs are expected to maintain compliance with these Licensing Regulations.

**The Publicly-Funded Seat Administrator(s) reserve(s) the right to consider particularly severe or egregious incidents, violations, findings, or activities that occur after the initial CFR application in the allocation process.*

2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent

Based on the LDOE LA4 and NSECD allocation history, the Subcommittee approved that providers interested in receiving LA4 and NSECD seats will be required to complete the Notice of Intent only.

- Providers who meet all of the eligibility criteria in the Notice of Intent will be included in the State-Level CFR request, ensuring that they are still eligible to receive seats if the state allocates additional seats to the network for the 2026-2027 program year.

2026-2027
SEAT APPLICATION

2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee approved that NOEEN allow all providers who meet all of the requirements in the 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent to complete the 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application.

- This application will be used to determine which sites will be eligible for seats, beyond Continuity of Care seats, in the 2026-2027 program year.*
- The same application will be used for both returning and new providers to ensure there is an equitable process.

**If funding is available for additional seats for the 2026-2027 program year,*

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2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application

The 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application includes the following:

- Five (5) Areas of Evaluation
  1. Program Operations
  2. Program Safety
  3. ECCE Workforce
  4. Child Experience
  5. Family Experience

- 15 Indicators total
  - 3 Indicators per Area
  - Aligned graduated expectations

- Four (4) Primary Evidence Types
  1. Self Report
  2. Program Handbook
  3. Staffing Plan
  4. Documentation

- Three (3) Point Rating Scale
  1. Meets Expectations*
  2. Exceeds Expectations
  3. Model Program

A "0" score is assigned for indicators not supported by required evidence

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2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application

The 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Application includes the following 15 Indicators:

Program Operations	Program Quality	ECCE Workforce	Child Experience	Family Experience
Days of Operation	Licensing Compliance	Teacher Credentials	Teacher Presence	Communication
Hours of Operation	Child to Staff Ratio and Group Size	Teacher Retention	Curriculum	Engagement
Enrollment Maintenance	Critical Incidents	Professional Development	High-Quality Teacher Child Interactions	Concerns & Complaints

2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee approved that the 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Application will be scored using the 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application Evaluation Rubric.

This rubric is scored on the following scale:

0 = No evidence
1 = Meets Minimum Program Requirements
2 = Exceeds Minimum Program Requirements
3 = Model Program

The 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application Evaluation Rubric will be scored by the Network Level CFR Review Team and the NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee will also review scoring data to determine seat allocations.

2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application Evaluation Rubric Review

2026-2027 NEW PROVIDER CRITERIA

2026-2027 Network Level CFR New Provider Criteria

Additional criteria for the evaluation of new providers who meet the minimum requirements of the Initial Application and the Seat Application was approved by the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee.

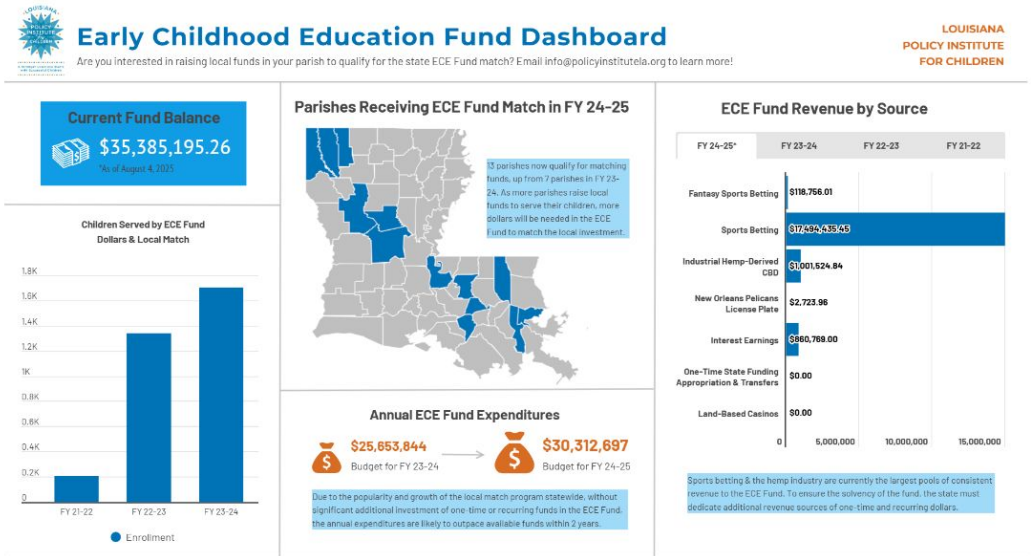
Additional requirements include:

- a site visit to evaluate the program operations and environment, and
- a formal interview to evaluate provider's ability to meet publicly-funded seat requirements

Further evaluation of these sites will only occur if funding is available to place seats in new sites for the 2026-2027 program year.

2026-2027 APPLICATION RATINGS AND INITIAL ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

Based on past revenue and current expenditures, ECEF funding will likely be reduced in 2026-2027.



- 13 parishes received **>$30M** in ECEF funding last year.
- The Fund was buoyed by one-time stimulus funding that is running out.
- Dedicated revenue for 24-25 was only **$19.5M**.

2026-2027 Network Level Seat Application Ratings and Initial Allocation Priorities

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee approved following rating scale to determine which sites are most qualified to receive seats in the 2026-2027 Program Year in alignment with the allocation priorities set by NOEEN and only if funding is available.*

Scoring Range	Rating	Outcome
0.99 or less	Unsatisfactory	**Returning Site** - Continuity of Care without Re-Enrollment Eligibility** **New Site** - Not eligible for seats
1.00 - 1.99	Meets Expectations	**Returning Site** - Continuity of Care, Re-Enrollment Eligibility, and eligible for additional seats **New Site** - Eligible for seats if funding is available for seats at new sites*** The allocation of additional seats will be based upon scoring, with those providers receiving the highest scores being the first eligible to receive additional seats, if available. The NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee and Steering Committee will evaluate provider scores and make decisions regarding allocations in the coming months.
2.00 - 3.0	Exceeds Expectations	

**Subject to any changes made by the administrator of each publicly funded seat program*
***The program is eligible to maintain the number of enrolled actively attended 2025-2026 seats as of the last day of the publicly-funded seat program year. The program is not eligible to receive any new seats for the 2026-2027 program year and if a child vacates a seat during the program year, that seat will not be re-enrolled and the allocated seat will be removed.*
****Based on allocation priorities and the provider's ability to successfully pass the additional new provider criteria.*

2026-2027 Network CFR Next Steps

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee agreed that NOEEN implement the following activities related to Allocation Priority and Scoring at the upcoming Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meetings:

October - Set priorities for allocations and review preliminary Seat Application scoring data to begin determining scoring and allocation alignment

November - Finalize scoring and allocation alignment and propose scoring ranges for seat allocations*

**Pending available funding for additional seats for the 2026-2027 program year. Information regarding the availability of additional funding is expected to be announce by the LDOE in June 2026.*

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2026-2027 CFR PROCESS TIMELINE AND APPLICATION FRAMEWORK

CFR Working Group Recommendation Implementation

Recommendation: Build More Transparency

The CFR Working Group recommended that details about the process be shared at different points in time to help applicants set realistic expectations and understand how decisions are made.

In response to the Working Group's recommendation, the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee approved:

- a **Network Level CFR Process Timeline** that outlines the milestones, activities, and deadlines for the local-level process, and
- a **Network Level CFR Decision Making Framework** that outlines the decision making process related to the Network Level CFR Process from application to allocation.

2026- 2027 Network Level CFR Timelines

CFR Application Activities	
September 22 - October 3, 2025	Notice of Intent Window
October 6 - 10, 2025	Notice of Intent Review Period
October 13, 2025	Notice of Intent Results Released to Applicants
October 13 - October 31, 2025	Seat Application Window
November 3 - November 14, 2025	Seat Application Review Period
November 17, 2025	Seat Application Scoring Results Released to Applicants
November 17 - 20, 2025	Appeal Window
Week of December 1, 2025	Appeal Results Released
December 10, 2025	NOEEN December Steering Committee Meeting: Allocation Recommendations Review and Approval

CFR Provider Communications	
September 18, 2025	2026-2027 CFR Launch Webinar • 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. for City Seats Providers • 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. for All Providers
September 25, 2025	Provider CFR Office Hours, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2025	Provider CFR Office Hours, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Week of December 1, 2025	Provider Appeals Meetings by appointment
December 10, 2025	NOEEN December Steering Committee Meeting: Allocation* Recommendations Review and Approval
Week of December 15, 2025	Provider Allocation Meetings by appointment
Week of January 5, 2025	Provider Allocation Meetings by appointment
Week of January 12, 2025	Provider Allocation Meetings by appointment

**Allocation recommendations will be for LA4 and NSECD only. City Seats and ECEF providers will only be approved as eligible for CoC, or additional seats beyond CoC at this phase and will be notified about the receipt of additional seats in late June/early July 2026.*

2026- 2027 Network Level CFR Decision Making Framework

	NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee	NOEEN Steering Committee
September 2025	26/27 Network-Level CFR Timeline, Process, and Applications Review & Approval	26/27 Network-Level CFR Timeline, Process, and Applications Review & Approval
October 2025	26/27 Network-Level CFR Allocation Priorities and Preliminary Seat Application Scoring Data Review	26/27 Network-Level CFR Coordinated Subcommittee Progress Updates and Status Report

	NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee	NOEEN Steering Committee
November 2025	26/27 Network-Level CFR Allocation Priorities and Preliminary Seat Application Scoring Data Approval	26/27 Network-Level CFR Allocation Priorities and Preliminary Seat Application Scoring Data Approval
December 2025	Development of 26/27 Network-Level CFR Provider Initial Allocation Recommendations	Review and Approval of State CFR and Local Allocations. Review and Approval of 26/27 Network-Level CFR Provider Allocation Recommendations, and Determination of Sites Included in the Coordinated Enrollment Application in January

NOEEN STEERING COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

Action Item

The motion is for the NOEEN Steering Committee to {approve, approve with changes, or reject} the following Network Level CFR Application components that have been previously approved by the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee:

- ❑ 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Notice of Intent for All Providers
- ❑ 2026-2027 Network Level CFR Seat Application
- ❑ 2026-2027 Network Level CFR New Provider Criteria

- ➢ Discussion
- ➢ Recommend Edits
- ➢ Public Comment
- ➢ Vote

**If funding is available for additional seats for the 2026-2027 program year,*

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Please contact Amy Hook-Poirier if you have any questions about the 2026-2027 CFR Process.
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VII. OPEN FORUM

FUTURE MEETINGS

Steering Committee Meetings

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- **October 15** @ NOLA-PS
- **November 12** @ NOLA-PS ***9am start**
- **December 10** @ NOLA-PS
- **January 21** @ NOLA-PS
- **March 18** @ TBD
- **April 15** @ TBD
- **May 13** @ TBD
- **June 10** @ TBD

Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meetings

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- **October 7** @ NOLA-PS
- **November 4** @ NOLA-PS
- **December 2** @ NOLA-PS
- **January 13** @ NOLA-PS
- **March 10** @ NOLA-PS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Independent evaluation finds the program is working for families and providers!

- **City Seats supports employment and economic stability.** **94%** of families reported that City Seats helped them seek or maintain employment. **>80%** of families said access to City Seats child care helped them maintain stable housing and purchase goods and services for their children.
- **Families are satisfied with their centers.** **90%** would recommend their current center to a friend or family member.
- **Centers are strengthened by City Seats and feel the program improves quality.** **93%** reported their experience with the City Seats program has been "very positive."

> *"My experience has been extraordinary! The entire team is wonderful and I couldn't have asked for anyone better to care for my daughter!"*
>
> *City Seats Parent*

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