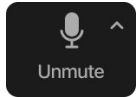# Zoom Meeting Preparation

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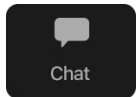
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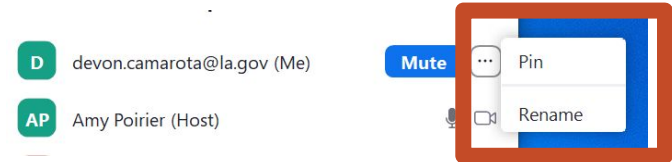
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Zoom Meeting Protocol

Participant Naming Conventions
Please change your Zoom name to reflect your actual name and Community Network you represent.

Questions
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Community Network Lead Agency Office Hours

May 7, 2024

Webinar Purpose and Objectives

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Purpose: The Community Network Lead Agency (CNLA) Office Hours webinar provides CNLA administrators with information, updates, and reminders related to current LDOE Early Childhood Care and Education initiatives and events.

Objectives: Community Network Lead Agencies will:
- Receive new information and updates
- Receive updates regarding TS GOLD® Spring checkpoint
- Review reminders about upcoming deadlines

Agenda

I. Early Childhood Community Network Updates

II. Featured Topic: Teaching Strategies GOLD® Spring Checkpoint

III. Early Childhood Reminders

IV. Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Early Childhood Updates

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Wednesday May 15, the LDOE will share preliminary notice of award for the following allocations that are pending approval by BESE on June 11:

- Community Network Lead Agency Allocation (CCDF)
- Ready Start Network Lead Agency Allocation (PDG)

All allocations, pending BESE approval, will be available in eGMS on July 1, 2024.

CCAP B-3 Seats Updates

On Tuesday, April 30, the LDOE hosted a webinar for CCAP B-3 Seats close out and following that on May 2nd and 3rd, the LDOE offered additional Office Hours to Networks.

- Frequently asked questions from these webinars were incorporated into an FAQ Document that was shared via email to all to all CCAP B-3 Seats recipients on May 6th.

Featured Topic

Teaching Strategies GOLD® Checkpoint & OSEP Monitoring

TS GOLD® Checkpoint Completion

The Spring TS GOLD® checkpoint is May 31, 2024. The Department has set program expectations of completion for each checkpoint. Networks should monitor completion rates at the site and classroom levels. This assessment is mandated through program assurances and included within Bulletin 140:

Sites ensure all required information for classrooms containing children from birth to five years is entered in the GOLD® online system. Additionally, all child assessment results for publicly-funded infants, toddlers, and pre-K children must be entered and checkpoints finalized by October 31, February 28, and May 31.

| Fall 2023 (October 31)	Winter 2024 (February 28)	Spring 2024 (May 31)
80%	85%	90%

TS GOLD® OSEP Monitoring

Program OSEP administrators should monitor sites, classrooms, and users to ensure checkpoint completion.

For each checkpoint, OSEP Administrators should:

- ensure that all children have an entry date reported;

- ensure that all current students that have an IEP are marked "yes" as having an IEP. OSEP administrators are encouraged to cross-check SER each month for children with new IEPs to ensure data for all children is accurately reported;

- ensure that all children with an IEP have the 4 extra objectives. These objectives include 1c1, 1c2, 1c3, and 1c4. When the child's profile is marked "yes" for IEP, the system adds these objectives to the child's report and they are mandatory for OSEP reporting purposes. These objectives cannot be finalized unless they are leveled.

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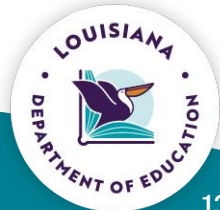Please contact ECAssessment@la.gov with questions.
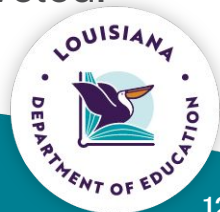
TS GOLD® OSEP Monitoring

For each checkpoint, OSEP Administrators should ensure that:

- children with an IEP do not have any objectives leveled with "Not Observed." "Not Observed" is a null value. These children must be leveled as "Not Yet" or leveled accordingly; and

- all children with an IEP that are being reported to OSEP will have to have at least two completed checkpoints by the end of the year or they will not be in the OSEP Mandatory Report.

Early Childhood Reminders

2023-2024 Lead Teacher Survey

The Department released the 2023-2024 Lead Teacher Survey on April 23, 2024. The purpose of this survey is to gather feedback based on the current academic year. The Department will publish information on teacher support as part of the Community Network Performance Profiles released in November 2024.

- Lead teachers received a link to the survey via their email address in TS GOLD®.

- The survey will close on May 15.

- Networks should remind all program partners to ensure lead teachers complete this survey.

Early Childhood Reminders
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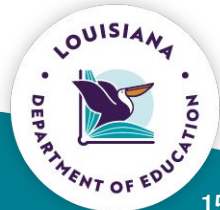
Spring 2024 CLASS® Observation Updates

Community Network Lead Agencies (CNLAs) should plan to complete and enter all observations by May 15, 2024, the deadline for the Spring Observation Period.

CNLAs can receive updates on observation completion via the "Reports" section of the Early Childhood CLASS® Portal, "System Level Reports" including the:

- Community Network CLASS® Observations Completion Report,
- Community Network CLASS® Observations Planned Report, and
- Community Network CLASS® Observations Missing Report.

Spring 2024 CLASS® Observation Updates

Special shout out to the community networks that have completed 100 percent of spring observations!

Central, Claiborne, DeSoto, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Lafayette, Madison, Red River, Richland, St. John the Baptist, West Carroll, West Feliciana, Winn

Early Childhood Reminders

The current State Fiscal Year is coming to a close. There are **54** calendar days until June 30. Between now and June 30, CNLAs must:

- Submit reimbursements for the end of the fiscal year to get allocation as close to a $0 balance as possible
- Collect and prepare documentation to submit with the June 30 PER
- Ensure all budget amendments that are needed or pending are submitted and approved by the LDOE

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Monthly Office Hours for New Directors

CNLAs are asked to share this information with new directors. The LDOE team holds New Director webinars that focus on topics related to early childhood quality or operations while also helping to expand new directors' network of peers.

This month's topic is "Understanding School Readiness Tax Credits". Participants will gain an understanding of the School Readiness Tax Credits (SRTCs) and will learn how the SRTC helps to improve the quality of child care and increase access for at-risk children.

Attendees can access the webinar using the information below:

Date: May 24, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.
Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92298578944
Phone Number: 1-346-248-7799
Meeting ID: 922 9857 8944

Upcoming Events

Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.

Monthly Provider Update Webinar

CNLAs are encouraged to attend the monthly webinars for early childhood providers. These webinars will include important updates and reminders for all provider types.

Providers can access the next provider webinar using the information below:

Date: Thursday, July 11, at 1 p.m.
Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93597745872
Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 935 9774 5872
Passcode: 641464

Please note that there will <u>not</u> be a provider webinar in June.

Teaching and Learning Reminders & Updates

New this year, the 2024 Early Childhood Conference will be held at two locations, with each location hosting a Saturday, one-day only, conference:

- **September 7, 2024**: Shreveport Convention Center, Shreveport, LA
- **October 5, 2024**: Crowne Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA

Events and Deadlines

May 10: LA4/NSECD attendance due

May 15: All spring CLASS® observations must be entered into the EC CLASS® portal

May 15: Lead Teacher Survey closes

May 28: No Office Hours

May 28 - May 30: Teacher Leader Summit

May 31: Spring TS Gold® Checkpoint

Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.

Questions

Thank You!

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