

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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**Community Network Lead  
Agency Office Hours  
Nov. 7, 2023**

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# Agenda

- I. Early Childhood Updates and Reminders
- II. Fall Collaboratives Debrief
- III. Upcoming Events



## Early Childhood Reminders

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### Naming Shared Files Effectively

*Anytime an agency submits a document to the LDOE, please include the parish name, the Community Network Lead Agency name or the CCR&R name in the name of the file.*

The LDOE receives documents from all parishes every time there is a submission of an application, template, etc. due. When the name of the parish/entity is not included in the file name, documents may be lost or not credited to the correct entity.

Naming convention best practice includes:

“Parish Name Title of File 202X-202Y”

For example:

“Washington Parish ECE Fund Application 2024-2025”

# Early Childhood Updates and Reminders

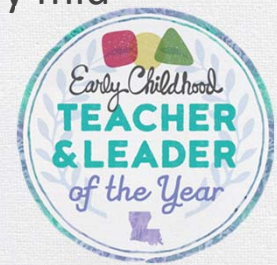
## Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Applications

*The LDOE thanks all stakeholders for supporting the excellent educators awards program by nominating candidates for their respective awards.*

The LDOE recognizes the incredible impact of early childhood educators. The Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Award is a key component of recognizing the incredible work of these professionals.

The applications will be sent to all nominated candidates, and available to any additional interested candidates on the [Louisiana Believes Awards](#) page by mid-October. Applications will be due Jan. 11, 2024.

Questions should be directed to [earlychildhood@la.gov](mailto:earlychildhood@la.gov).



# Teaching and Learning Reminders & Updates

## Let's Be Healthy Grant

*ECE centers can apply for a grant of up to \$2,500 to install an edible garden in their center's outdoor learning environment or to purchase small kitchen equipment.*

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- Child care centers of any licensure type located in food deserts can apply to receive up to \$2,500 to purchase materials. Family Child Care sites are not eligible for this grant at this time. **The deadline to apply for this grant is November 16, 2023.**
- Apply for the [Let's Be Healthy Grant](#) today.

Explore the [Well-Ahead-LA Website](#) for more information or contact [ashlyn.dyess@la.gov](mailto:ashlyn.dyess@la.gov).



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**Consider:**

How can your agencies ensure that there is a qualified workforce to meet the current and projected level of access?

Think about the following elements related to capacity:

- Number of teachers currently in the workforce
- Number of teachers entering the workforce
- Qualifications of teachers entering and currently in the workforce

**Consider:**

How can your agencies ensure that teachers have a positive working environment that meets their needs as employees?

Consider the following elements related to workforce well-being:

- Positive work environment
- Overall health and mental health

**Consider:**

How can your agencies ensure that workforce compensation aligns with teacher expectations?

Consider the following elements related to compensation:

- Wages
- Access to benefits

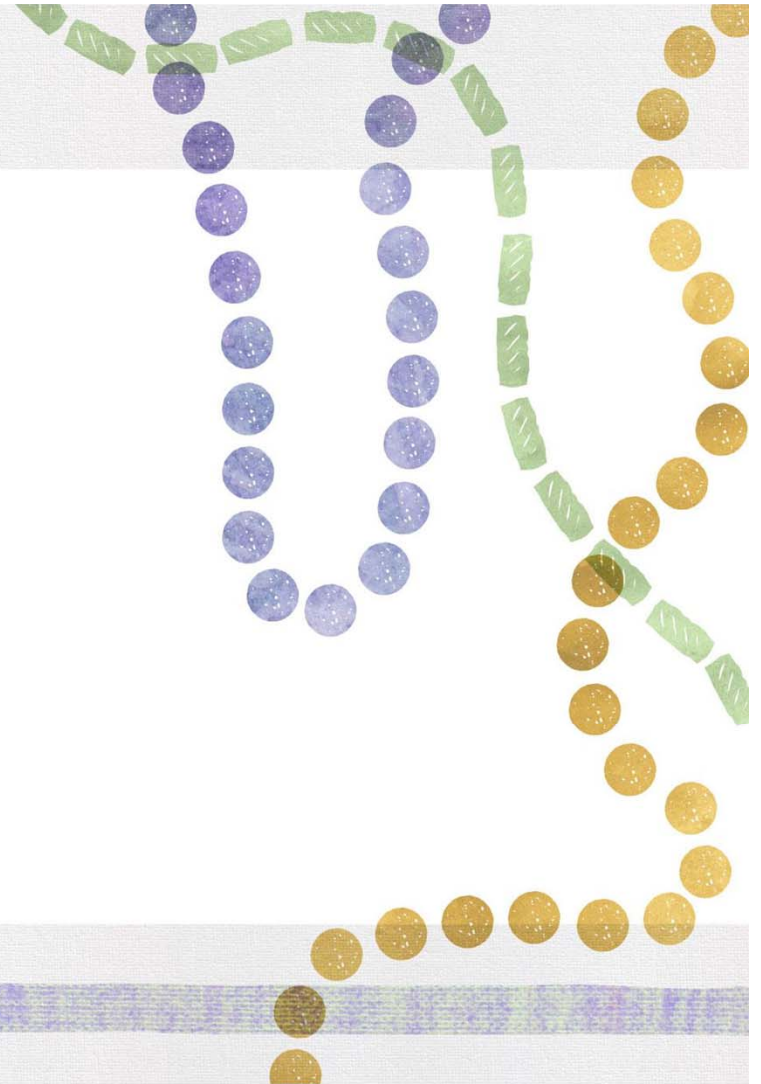


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# Upcoming Events



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### Provider Update Webinar

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## Events and Deadlines

**November 10:** CCAP B-3 Seats, LA 4, and NSECD attendance due to the LDOE

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# Community Network Lead Agency Office Hours



November 14, 2023

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# Webinar Purpose and Objectives



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**Purpose:** During the November 14, 2023 webinar, Community Network Lead Agencies will learn about Performance Profile trends for Early Childhood Sites in Louisiana.

**Objectives:** Community Network Lead Agencies will:

- Review and interpret trends on Performance Profiles from the 2022-2023 Academic Year
- Consider how those trends align with their specific network Performance Profile Scores
- Ensure work alignment with upcoming deadlines and activities hosted by the LDOE

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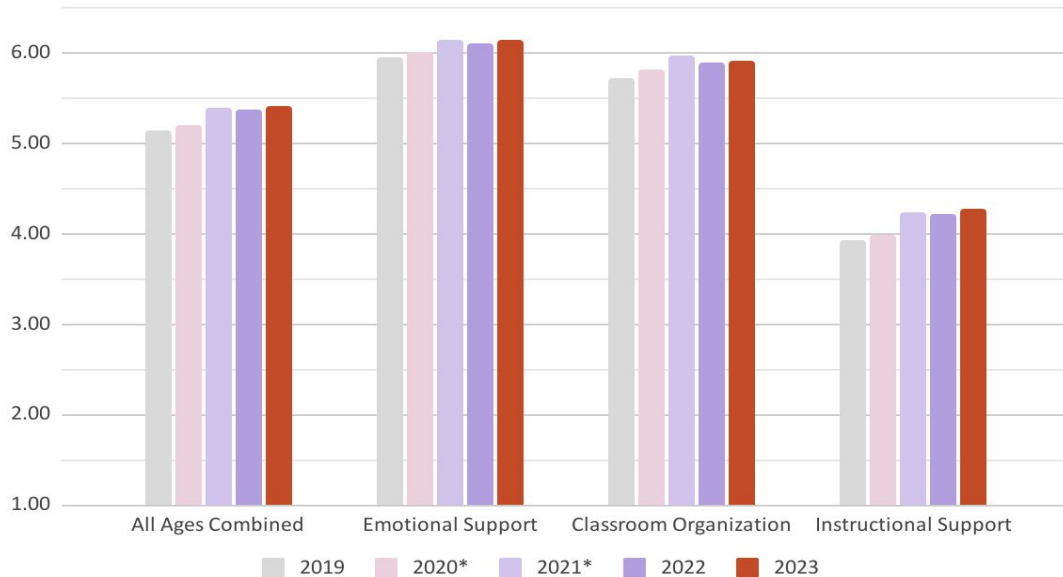




# 2022-2023 Early Childhood Performance Profile Highlights

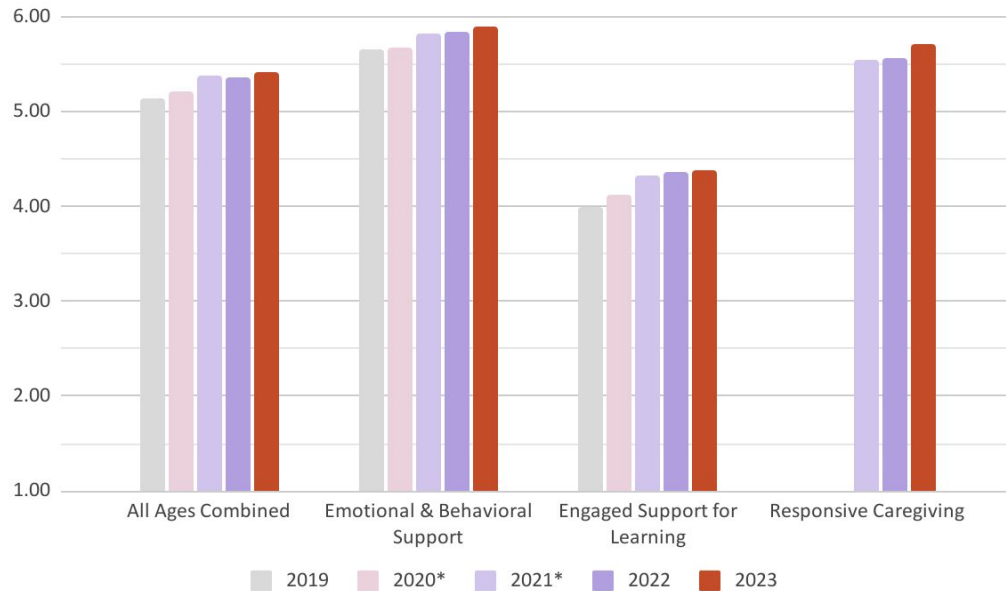


# Pre-K Domain Performance



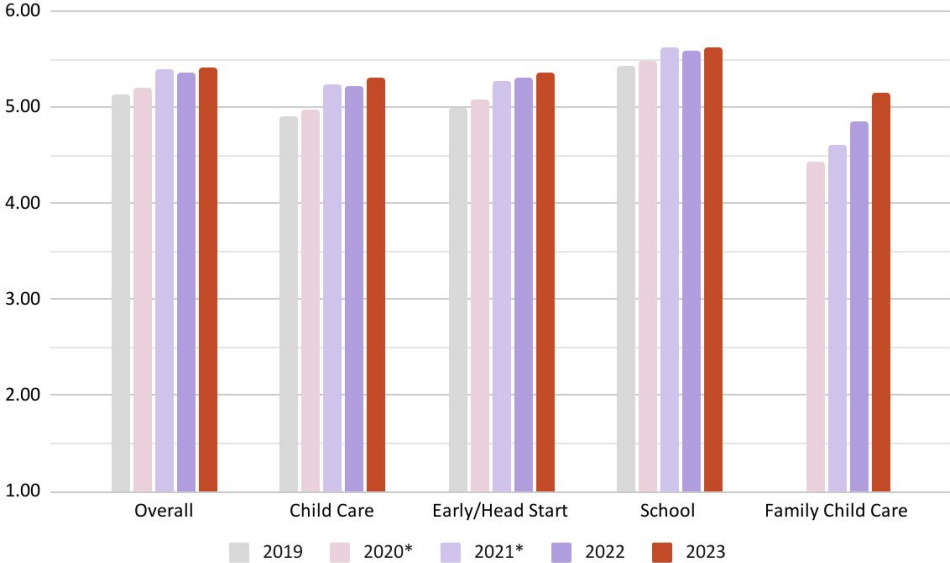
- Improvements across all domains
- Instructional Support increased 9% compared to pre-pandemic levels
- Return to pre-pandemic levels of quality.

# Toddler and Infant Domain Performance



- All domains improved compared to last year
- Engaged Support for Learning increased 10% from pre-pandemic levels
- Trend of steady improvement continues.

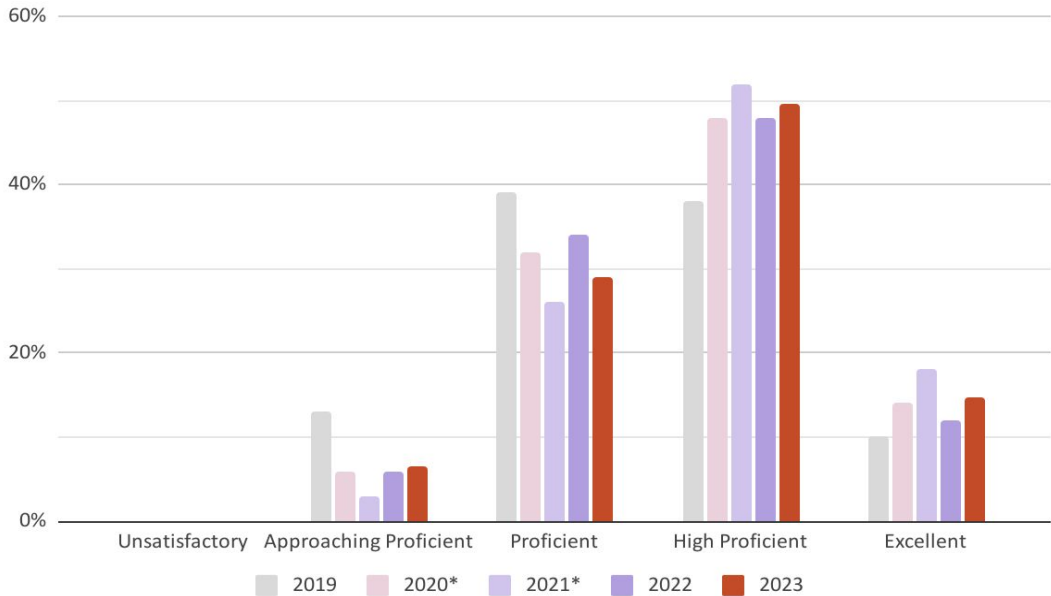
# Performance Scores by Site Type



- Gap in scores between the average child care center and the average school is narrowing
- Centers improved more than the state overall
- Increase of 0.72 in family child care sites from initial pilot year to 2023



# Performance Ratings Over Time



- 93% of children are served at a high quality site compared to 87% in 2019
- For the second year in a row, there are no unsatisfactory sites statewide



# Summary of 2022-2023 Performance Profiles

- The 2022-2023 Performance Profile scores are the highest scores ever for all site types, with the most growth occurring in child care.
- Instructional Support and Engaged Support for Learning scores increased to a record high.
- More sites have earned an Excellent rating, even as the number of early learning sites in Louisiana has increased by 13%.
- There are 264 Excellent Honor Roll sites and 493 Birth to Three Honor Roll sites.



# Early Childhood Updates and Reminders



# Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Applications

“Being named the Early Childhood Leader of the Year has been the most incredible and humbling honor of my career so far. This award has opened doors for me-it’s given me new avenues for networking and advocacy, invitations to serve on leadership teams and study groups, and many opportunities to be celebrated within our Parish and state. It has been so much fun! But most importantly, this award has given me, and our field, increased credibility. This award shows the world that early childhood education is important and gives us all an opportunity to highlight the unwavering commitment of early childhood educators who work to shape the minds and hearts of our youngest learners.” -*Arielle Hughes, Carousel Preschool*





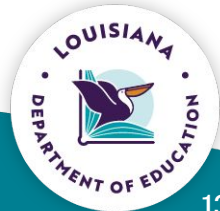
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“Farm to early care and education” is a set of strategies that offers increased access to healthy, local foods through procurement, gardening opportunities, and food and agriculture education.

Child care sites located in food deserts can apply to receive up to \$2,500 to purchase materials. The deadline to apply for this grant is Nov. 16, 2023.

Apply for the [Let's Be Healthy Grant](#) today and explore the [Well-La-Head-LA Website](#) for more information.



# CCAP B-3 Seats Pilot Program Feedback

The Department is working to extend the CCAP program to include contracted seats permanently, in policy. The LDOE values your experience and perspective and would appreciate hearing your feedback about how this change might work.

Please take a moment to provide feedback in this [survey](#) now.

*If viewing this deck after the webinar, please complete the survey by Friday, November 17 by 4:00 p.m.*

# 2024-2025 Coordinated Enrollment Plans

The Department is extending the deadline for the submission of 2024-2025 Coordinated Enrollment Plans to January 28th.

Additional information will be provided during the December 12th CNLA Office Hours.

CNLAs are encouraged to continue planning for Coordinated Enrollment in the Coordinated Enrollment Plan template.

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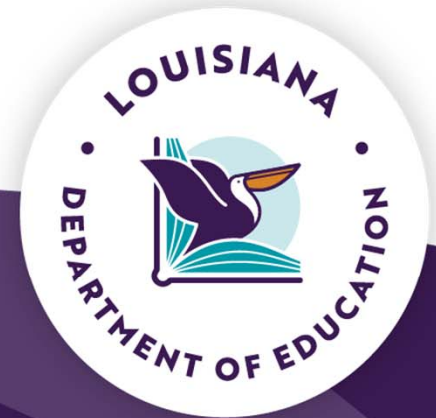
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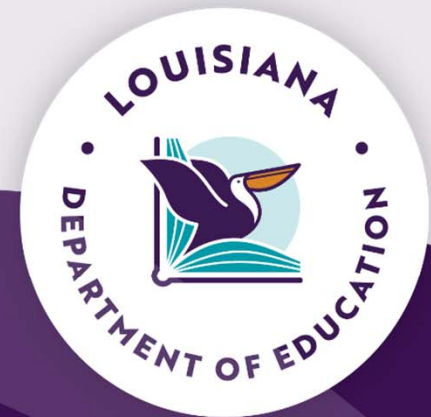


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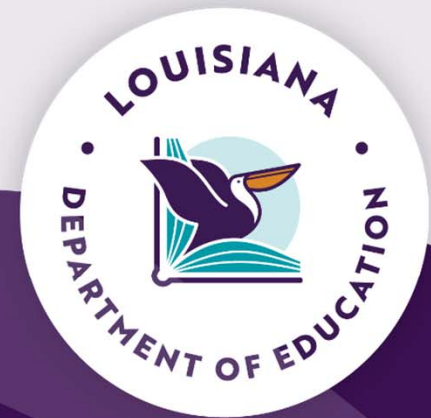
**Purpose:** During the November 28, 2023 webinar, Community Network Lead Agencies will receive highlights about Early Childhood Care and Education initiatives and activities that occurred during Quarter 3.

**Objectives:** Community Network Lead Agencies will:

- Learn about LDOE Early Childhood Care and Education activities and initiatives that occurred from July 1 - September 30, 2023
- Consider how this information impacts the work happening within local communities



# Early Childhood Care and Education Quarter 3 Report Highlights



## CCAP B-3 Seats Pilot Program

In the 2023 legislative session the Louisiana Legislature invested more than ever in early childhood care and education, enabling the Department to allocate funding for the 2023-2024 CCAP B-3 Seats Pilot program:

- In Quarter 3 the LDOE began fully transitioning the original B-3 Seats pilot into a permanent program called “CCAP B-3 Seats” with State General Funds. The Department is continuing work to codify the CCAP B-3 Seats Pilot program into policy and formally incorporate it into Louisiana’s CCDF State Plan.
- Seats were allocated to 42 Community Network Lead Agencies, based on Coordinated Funding Requests from January 2023, that estimated demand for approximately 6,500 seats across those communities.

Quarter 3



## Early Childhood Education Fund

Seven Community Network Lead Agencies that raised qualifying local funds for the Early Childhood Education Fund for 2023-2024 began enrolling children.

Community Network Lead Agency	State Match Funds Allocated	Total Funds for Seats (State Match + Local Funds)	Total Anticipated Children Served
Ascension	\$954,000	\$1,908,000	136
Bossier	\$43,910	\$87,820	18
Caddo	\$2,800,00	\$5,600,000	450
Jefferson	\$399,700	\$799,400	99
Orleans	\$21,449,919	\$42,899,838	1,810
Pointe Coupee	\$1,000	\$2,000	1
Sabine	\$5,315	\$10,630	1



## Early Childhood Education Fund (continued)

The Department accepted applications for anticipated funding to be matched for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. 14 networks anticipate raising qualifying funds.

Networks New to ECE Fund	Anticipated Funding Amount
Assumption	\$18,000
Calcasieu	\$60,00
East Baton Rouge	\$500,000
Grant Parish	\$120,000
Natchitoches	\$660,000
Plaquemines	\$12,000
Rapides	\$2,430,000
Tangipahoa	\$10,000
Webster	\$12,000

Networks Returning to ECE Fund	Anticipated Funding Amount
Ascension	\$1,000,000
Bossier	\$67,047
Caddo	\$3,060,00
Jefferson	\$500,000
Orleans	\$23,000,000
Pointe Coupee	\$1,664

Quarter 3



## Professional Development

The Department continued to provide professional development opportunities for child care teachers across the state.

- 20 BESE-approved Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate (ECAC) Programs provided course content and support focused on preparing teachers for successful classroom interactions during this period.
- CCR&R agencies provided a total of 3,392 hours of coaching and 263 hours of training.
  - These agencies also provided 285 hours of coaching to 78 Family Child Care sites across the state that have opted into Academic Approval.
  - The training and coaching provided focused on improving teacher-child interactions, engaged support for learning, and instructional support.

Quarter 3





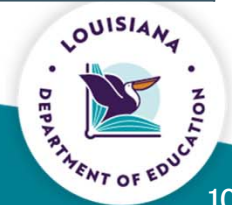
## Publicly Funded Sites in Community Networks

Site Type:					
Month	Type I	Type II	Type III	FCC	In-Home
July 2023	204	165	1162	249	4
August 2023	204	168	1171	250	3
September 2023	204	166	1162	252	3

Star Rating:						
	0 Stars	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
2022	22*	7	67	420	507	61
2023	7*	7	78	408	448	51

*\*This does not include new, unrated sites.*

Quarter 3



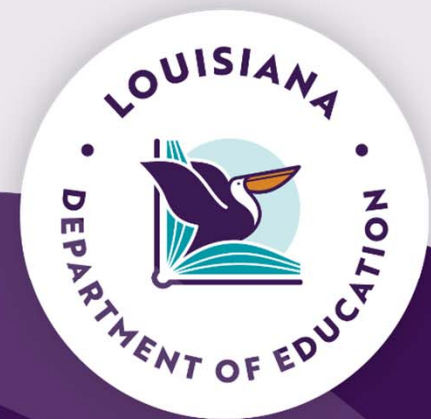
## Early Childhood Community Networks

Take a moment to consider the impact of this information on Community Network Lead Agencies throughout Louisiana.

Consider how sharing this information with local stakeholders may assist in local pursuits of uplifting high-quality care and education for children.



# Fall 2023 CLASS® Observation Updates



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- Community Network Lead Agencies are responsible for observing all classrooms that were open on Oct. 1, 2023, including FCC educators that opted into Academic Approval by Nov. 15, 2023
- Lead agencies can track observation completion via the “Reports” section of the [Early Childhood Portal](#), “System Level Reports” including the Community Network CLASS® Observations Completion Report, Community Network CLASS® Observations Planned, and Community Network CLASS® Observations Missing
- Observations must be submitted in the [Early Childhood Portal](#) by Dec. 15, 2023

Please contact [robert.jones4@la.gov](mailto:robert.jones4@la.gov)



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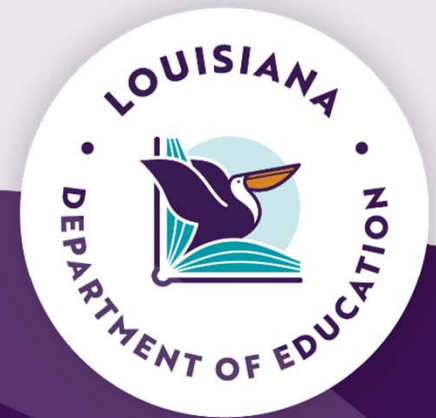
Special shout out to the top 10 networks for more than 85% of observations completed!

**Bossier, Caddo, Central, Concordia, Jackson, Orleans, Ouachita, Richland, St. Mary, and Terrebonne**

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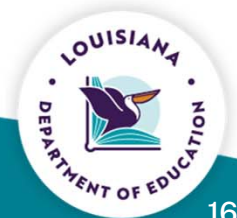
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