

# EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK NEWS

for Community Members, Partners, and Families

## Fall 2023 Edition

### Our Mission

The Vermilion Parish Early Childhood Network will create accessible opportunities for quality care and educational experiences for all of our children to become successful.

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## Community Calendar

October 2- Fall CLASS Observation Window Opens

October 2- CCAP B3 Application opens

October 5th @ 1:00 pm- EC Provider Update Webinar <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93597745872>  
Passcode (641464)

October 5th @ 5:00 pm- Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

**October 13th 12:00-6:00- CCAP B3 Enrollment Support Event**

October 16-17 VPECN Office Closed for Fall Break

October 18- VPECN Office Closed for LDOE Winter Collaborative Meeting

**October 19th 12:00-6:00 pm- CCAP B3 Enrollment Support Event**

October 31 TS GOLD Fall Checkpoint

November 1 @ 12:30- VPECN Monthly Meeting

November 2nd @ 5:00 pm- Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

November 20-24- VPECN Office Closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 6 @ 12:30 VPECN Monthly Meeting

December 7th @ 5:00 pm- Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

December 15- Fall CLASS Observation Window Closes

December 25-January 5th- VPECN Office Closed for Christmas Break

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# Vermilion Early Childhood Enrollment



## CCAP B3 Program | VPECN

apply to inquire about availability at one of our network partner sites

[vermilionchildhoodnetwork.com](https://vermilionchildhoodnetwork.com)

Families can call any of the following phone numbers for assistance with CCAP B3 or Public School PreK Applications: 337-740-5929, 337-898-5750, 337-740-5905. Childcare and Headstart applicants can call the individual sites for support.

## 2023-24 CCAP B3 ENROLLMENT

Childcare tuition assistance  
for parents or guardians  
working and/or in school  
20+ hours per week.

Child applying for care:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Current Immunization Record

All adults in household composition  
must submit **proof of identification**.

All dependent children in the home  
(not receiving care) must provide a  
**birth certificate**.

Each adult living in the household  
composition must submit **proof of  
work and/or school** & any unearned  
income.



ONLINE  
APPLICATION  
NOW  
OPEN!



Scan QR code to learn more  
about eligibility criteria for  
children to be accepted into  
our CCAP/B3 program,  
required documentation,  
application link & list of  
participating childcare sites.

## CONTACT

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## Vermilion Early Childhood Network Events

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# Fall 2023 CCAP B-3 ENROLLMENT EVENT

On-site CCAP B3 application assistance

## LSU AG CENTER

1105 W. Port St., Abbeville, LA

Friday, 10/13  
12pm - 6pm

Thursday, 10/19  
12pm - 6pm

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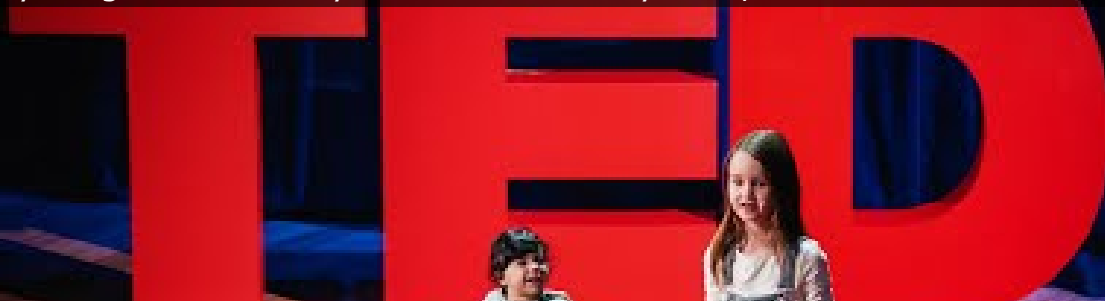


## LENA- Every interaction counts.

### A message from Jena Menard, LENA Facilitator

Lena Grow is off to a great start here in our network. We are currently collaborating with 1 site, 3 teachers, and 28 children. We have seen such amazing data these past three weeks. The data we have collected has shown remarkable "interactive talk" results with teachers and students. The teachers are able to use their weekly LENA results to guide them, alongside with LENA's 5 week coaching cycle, to set goals on building meaningful, rich language environments in their classrooms. The goal is to have teachers equipped with the best talking strategies to engage in interactive talk with all students in their classrooms. We are looking forward to beginning our LENA journey with other schools here in our network!

Molly Wright: How every child can thrive by five | TED





### LENA Grow

Make every interaction count in early childhood education...

[lena.org](http://lena.org)



### LENA Start

LENA Start is an evidence-based community program for groups of families that uses regular feedback from LENA technology to help increase interactive talk between adult caregivers and young children...

[lena.org](http://lena.org)

## Information for Site Leaders

Upcoming Revised Bulletin 137 Zoom Training for Owners and Directors

Every three years Bulletin 137 requires a review. Earlier this year, that review took place, and several chapters of the Bulletin were revised. This revised Bulletin 137 is scheduled to take effect October 20.

To ensure providers are informed of those changes, a training will be held for owners and directors within the first two weeks of October. An email will be sent to all providers the last week of September with information on how to register one director and one owner from each center. Providers will receive two continuing education hours for attending this training. Each training will be limited to a certain number of participants. All trainings are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



See below for dates of the trainings:

- October 3, 2023
- October 4, 2023
- October 5, 2023
- October 10, 2023
- October 11, 2023
- October 12, 2023

Contact the site's licensing consultant with any questions.

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## Advisory Council Updates

The Early Childhood Council met on Thursday, September 7th to learn more about the CCAP B3 program and next steps for the network in beginning enrollment. 2023-2024 Council Meetings will occur on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 5th at 5:00 pm to review the 2023-2024 Blueprint goals and discuss current data to support progress towards those Blueprint goals.



### Documents | VPECN

The blueprint goals are established as a collaboration between all network partners. Achieving these goals improves quality in the care and education of all children.

🔗 [vermilionchildhoodnetwork.com](https://vermilionchildhoodnetwork.com)



**President: Felicia  
Bushnell**



**Vice President: Angela  
Godwin**



**Council Member: Lenita  
Turner**



**Council Member: Melissa  
Guidry**



**Council Member: Sandra  
Broussard**



**Open Council Seat-  
Contact us today to join!**

**Early Childhood Advisory Council Calendar of Meetings**

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**Information for Families**

# Developmental Milestones

## Parents Guide to Developmental Milestones

A guide to normal childhood development milestones that can help you recognize when your child might need professional attention.

🔗 [childmind.org](http://childmind.org)



## Child Development Positive Parenting Tips | CDC

Learn more about your child's development, positive parenting, safety, and health at each stage of your child's life.

🔗 [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)



## Why Are Kids Different at Home and at School? - Child Mind Institute

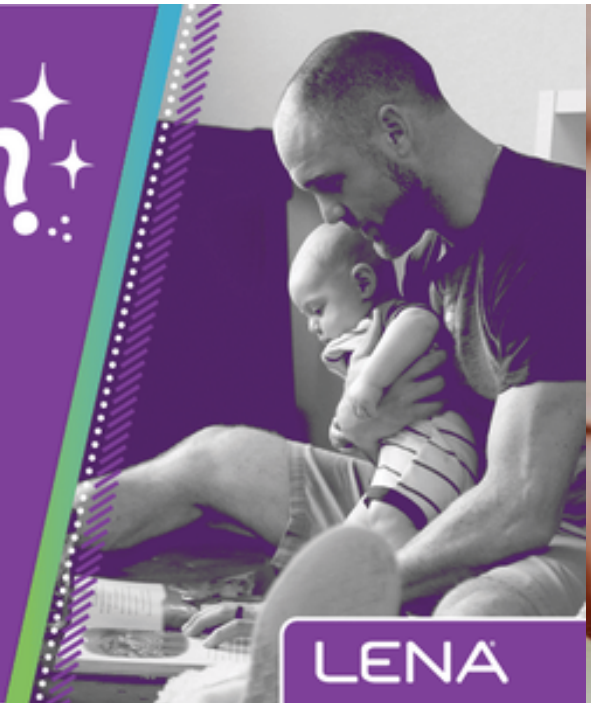
It's not unusual for kids to behave differently in different settings. Some kids are on their best behavior in school, only to act out at home. Others stress out in the classroom. Advice from the Child Mind Institute about why some kids act out in different settings, and how parents and teachers can help.

🔗 [childmind.org](http://childmind.org)



# Did you know?

The amount of back-and-forth conversations that young children experience is linked to **brain development, language skills, social & emotional development, and intelligence.**



## Child Readiness Tax Credits

### Are you a business owner looking to give back to your community?

The Business SRTC provides a credit for businesses that have donated funds to child care centers to support eligible child care expenses, based on the quality rating of the center, per Bulletin 139. The credits are available for both for-profit and non-profit businesses. The donated amount to a Type III quality rated center will be used to determine a tax credit based on the star rating of the center. Unlike a tax deduction, a tax credit is the whole value of the credit regardless of the tax bracket in which the taxpayer falls. The SRTC are refundable, meaning that they are available to a taxpayer even if they do not owe any taxes. If the SRTC exceeds an individual's tax burden, then the taxpayer will receive a check for the difference after filing their taxes.

[faqs-for-businesses.pdf](#)

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749.8 KB

[School Readiness Tax Credits Donation Link](#)

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