

Early Childhood Network News

for Community Members, Childcare Partners, and Families

Summer 2025 Edition

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In case you missed it...

Benefits of School Readiness Tax Credit

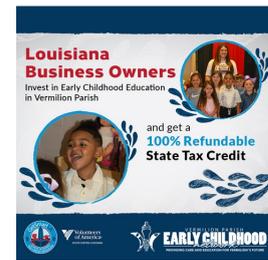
Our very own Bright Beginnings Learning Center received a \$15,000 classroom makeover for the children there! As you can see, there were smiles all-around as the children got to see and experience their classroom makeover in all its wonder.

This Project PlaySmart was made possible through donations to the School Readiness Tax Credit (SRTC). More information about SRTC can be found [here](#). Our network collaborated with Cox Media to push out a marketing campaign for local businesses to donate to this initiative. We've included images below from the social media campaign. Also, be on the look out for the commercial!

Congratulations Bright Beginnings!



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Curriculum and Professional Learning Updates

EC Learn Portal is Open and has new trainings!

EC Learn is the LDOE's Early Childhood free online training and learning resource where early childhood educators can enroll in and access new continuing education courses. During the first phase of EC Learn, Health & Safety Training, including Medication Administration in Child Care, has been launched to support the needs of the early childhood workforce in obtaining continuing education courses required by Bulletin 137 and Bulletin 139. Within each individual's EC Learn account, early childhood educators can access and download certificates of completion for the required courses. In addition, EC Learn participants will be emailed a copy of the training certificate within 24 hours of successfully completing the final course exam. Participants can also view and download training certificates or transcripts by clicking on their Student Dashboard's "Completed" tab.

Educators can access and enroll in courses at <https://eclearn.doe.louisiana.gov/>. Additional training will be added periodically to support the growth and development of the EC workforce,

including new teachers and administrators. Educators can check progress on enrolled courses and access training transcripts or certificates on “My Dashboard.”

Please contact eclearn@la.gov with questions

Join our Network!



Academic Approval
Publicly-funded child care centers are required to meet a set of performance and academic standards resulting in academic approval.

Incentives
School Readiness Tax Credits
CCAP Bonus Payments if site is rated proficient or higher
Access to high-quality curriculum
Coordinated Enrollment

Supports
Ongoing coaching, training, and technical assistance from Child Care Resource and Referral agencies
Mental health consults
Quality improvement supports

Learn more today!

Contact Us 337-893-3973

Visit Our Website vermilionchildhoodnetwork.com

Our Location 220 S. Jefferson St, Abbeville

Upcoming Events & Deadlines for Childcare Partners

Louisiana Early Childhood Conference

Registration has opened for the Louisiana Early Childhood Conference! More information, including registration, can be found [here!](#)



EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE 2025

EARLY FOUNDATIONS, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

SEPTEMBER 13 ★ Baton Rouge, LA

OCTOBER 11 ★ Shreveport, LA



LDOE's New Website

The Louisiana Department of Education has updated their website! Click on the icon below to access the Early Childhood page.



Early Childhood

At the Louisiana Department of Education, we believe that parents are the primary influence in shaping a child's future. Early childhood providers and educators play a valuable role in supporting families by fostering development and learning in the crucial early years.

doe.louisiana.gov

LDOE Early Childhood Newsletter

The newsletter provides information about upcoming webinars, CCAP and CCAP-B3 and updates on licensing.



Information for Families

Enrollment Application

Our network currently uses a coordinated enrollment application. We offer one application for parents/guardians to use when applying for our network programs. After providing child specifics, the person completing the application can choose from one of programs, ranging from Birth to 5. Use the QR code or click [here](#) to access the application.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD
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EARLY CHILDHOOD ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Vermilion Parish

Scan QR code to learn more about the early childhood programs in Vermilion Parish. Including program specifics, application link & participating sites.



WHO WE ARE

The Vermilion Early Childhood Network is comprised of early childcare sites and Public School Pre-K in Vermilion Parish. We strive to create accessible opportunities for quality care & educational experiences for all.

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Vermilion Baby Bundle

The Vermilion Baby Bundle will be available through Abbeville General Hospital as an incentive for expectant mothers who complete the hospital's educational class at the halfway mark through

environments and situations, and are more likely to be able to self-soothe when they are upset or anxious. This is because the object provides them with a sense of familiarity and comfort, which helps to reduce stress and anxiety.



VERMILION BABY BUNDLE UPDATE

Steps to Heaven has graciously donated infant blankets and knit caps for each Vermilion Baby Bundle! We appreciate this wonderful non-profit organization for their generous contribution to this bundle!



LEARN MORE AT: VERMILIONCHILDHOODNETWORK.COM/RESOURCES

Baby Bundle Contents Video



Did you know we have resources for families?

Learning Games and Activities

Visit our resources page to learn more!



<https://www.vermilionchildhoodnetwork.com/resources>

What are Developmental Milestones?

Milestones Matter for Families!



Help your child grow and thrive

Download CDC's free Milestone Tracker app



Learn more at cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker



CDC's Milestone Tracker Mobile App

Download CDC's free Milestone Tracker app to complete a milestone checklist for your child. Available for iOS and Android in English and Spanish.

cdc.gov

Concerned about your Child's Development? Click here!



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