



Early Childhood Provider Updates

April 7, 2022

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Welcome!



COVID-19 Updates for Providers



COVID-19 Resources



- LDOE COVID-19 [landing page](#) and [library](#)
- LDOE *BELIEVE!* [landing page](#) and [library](#)
- COVID-19 [FAQ](#) for early childhood
- **Updated:** [Office of Public Health Guidelines for Child Care](#)
- Questions regarding COVID-19, contact LDOECOVID19Support@la.gov



COVID-19 Updates

ARPA Stabilization Grant, Round 2, Child Care

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization Grant Round 2 application closes on April 7, 2022. Providers open and serving children by March 31, 2022 are eligible to apply.

March 24, 1:00 pm	ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2 Application release and webinar
March 28, 9:30am - 10:30am	Office Hours
April 4, 9:30am - 10:30am	Office Hours
April 7 (today)	ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2 Application closes
Week of May 9-13, 2022	ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2 funds released in Regions 3 (Covington), 6 (Lake Charles), and 7 (Alexandria)
Week of May 16-20, 2022	ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2 funds released in Regions 2 (Baton Rouge), 5 (Lafayette), and 9 (Monroe)
Week of May 23-27, 2022	ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2 funds released in Regions 1 (Orleans), 4 (Thibodaux), and 8 (Shreveport)

Please contact the Provider Help Desk at 225-250-7635, 225-252-9543 or via the [Provider Ticket System](#) for additional assistance.

COVID-19 Updates

ARPA Stabilization Grant, Round 2 - Resources

The Department is providing resources to assist in the completion of the ARPA Stabilization Grant, Round 2 application.

ARPA Application:	<u>ARPA Round 2 Application</u>
Grant Calculator:	<u>ARPA Round 2 Calculator</u>
Grant Worksheet:	<u>ARPA Round 2 Worksheet</u>
Grant Allowable Uses:	<u>ARPA Grant Uses (Rounds 1 and 2)</u>
Louisiana Believes Resources:	<u>ARPA Resources</u>

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ARPA Grant Round 2, Head Start/Early Head Start

The Department will release the ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2 for CCAP-certified Head Start and Early Head Start centers, serving CCAP children in full-day, full-year programs, on April 25, 2022.

April 25	ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2 Application for Head Start and Early Head Start release
April 28, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Office Hours
May 5, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Office Hours
May 6	ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2 Head Start/Early Head Start Application closes (no exceptions)
May 30 - June 10, 2022	ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2 Head Start/Early Head Start funds released

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COVID-19 Updates

Fees

Beginning July 1, 2022, licensing fees, CCCBC fees, and family copayments will be reinstated.

In response to COVID-19, the Department has been covering licensing fees, CCCBC fees, and family copayments. Beginning July 1, 2022, these fees will be reinstated as they were prior to the pandemic.

As a reminder, copayments listed on the CCAP 12 - Provider Notice of Payment correspondence are the parent's portion of the State daily rate which is deducted prior to issuance of regular weekly provider payments.

Example: State daily rate for child age birth to 11 months is \$68.00. Parent's co-payment of State rate is \$2.00. State will pay \$66.00/day resulting in a weekly payment to provider of \$330.00.



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Updates

CCAP Updates

Semi-Automated Invoice (SAI)

The Child Care Assistance Program will resume accepting Semi-Automated Invoices (SAI) with corresponding attendance logs for processing of back payments.

- The Department will resume submission of Semi-Automated Invoice (SAI) with corresponding attendance logs requirement effective April 1, 2022.
- SAI must be submitted by expiration date listed on invoice.
- SAI must be completed correctly including current signature and date.
- SAI must be returned along with corresponding attendance logs for the dates listed on the invoice.
- SAI will not be paid if completed incorrectly and without corresponding attendance logs.

Semi-Automated Invoice (SAI)

P.O. BOX 260037
BATON ROUGE, LA 70826

DOC NUMBER: 10403946

PROV NAME: DORA THE EXPLORER DBA
TOTALLY AMAZING DAYCARE LLC
PO BOX 123
BATON ROUGE LA 77700

(225)123-4567

CDD4050R6
SEMI-AUTOMATED INVOICES
FOR 09/09/2019
VOID AFTER 7 BUSINESS DAYS

PROV NUMBER: 012345678

PARISH: 03

***** FULL TIME *****								
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CLAIMING FOR SERVICES NOT ACTUALLY PROVIDED CONSTITUTES FRAUD
I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

SIGNATURE

DATE

BIRD, BIG 09/03/2019 2

CLAIMING FOR SERVICES NOT ACTUALLY PROVIDED CONSTITUTES FRAUD
I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

SIGNATURE

DATE

FOR LDE OFFICE USE ONLY

TOTAL DAYS INPUT:

TOTAL HOURS INPUT:

PAYMENT ISSUED BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

RETURN FORM TO: CCAP ELIGIBILITY

P.O. BOX 260037

BATON ROUGE, LA 70826

THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR THIS DOCUMENT IS: 09/18/2019

Licensing Updates



Licensing Updates

Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Planning

Providers are required to conduct tornado drills.

- All providers must conduct tornado drills at least once per month.
- These drills shall be conducted in the months of March, April, May, and June at various times of the day, shall include all children, and must be documented.
- A [sample form](#), titled “Monthly Tornado Drills,” can be found in the Licensed Centers Library.
- For more information, contact your licensing consultant.

Licensing Updates

Motor Vehicle Passenger Checks

A visual passenger check of a vehicle is required to ensure that no child is left in a vehicle.

It is imperative that vehicles are adequately inspected for children before staff exit the vehicle, especially as temperatures rise outside.

A staff person shall physically walk through the vehicle and inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats, and in all enclosed spaces and recesses of the vehicle interior.

The staff member shall record the time of the visual passenger check and sign the log indicating that no child was left in the vehicle.

Please ensure staff have received proper training and repeated training if needed

Licensing Updates

Upcoming Bulletin 137 Changes

This summer, there are updates to Child to Staff Ratio and Indoor Space regulations.

Indoor Space

- Effective June 1, 2022, a center may request and seek approval from the Office of State Fire Marshal and the Division of Licensing, that for children ages 4 and above, a minimum of 25 square feet of usable indoor space shall be available per child.
- If any child in a space is less than age 4, a minimum of 35 square feet of usable indoor space shall be available for every child in the space, regardless of age.

Child to Staff Ratio

- Effective July 1, 2022, the child-to-staff ratio for two-year-olds shall decrease to 10:1.

EdLink Licensing Updates

April 2022	May 2022	June 2022 - July 2022
Ongoing System Testing and Training	Continuous Provider Support Hours	
Provider webinar will be recorded and posted on Louisiana Believes	Targeted Provider Training	Provider Training for updates
	Edlink Goes Live!!	



Teaching and Learning Updates

Act 386: Mandatory Kindergarten Attendance

Act 386 requires that, starting with the 2022-2023 academic year, children must attend a full-day Kindergarten for a full school year before they can enter the first grade.

The Department is currently collaborating with a variety of stakeholders to ensure that the transition to the new compulsory attendance requirements are as smooth as possible.

- The Department has begun sharing information with school systems who will enroll students for first grade.

Senate Bill 177, if passed, would delay the new Kindergarten requirements for one year (until the 2023-2024 school year). The Department will have more information about the requirements after legislative session ends.

- The Department will continue to provide updates to stakeholders as requirements change.

Please contact Ashley.Townsend@la.gov with questions.

Act 386: Mandatory Kindergarten Attendance

Starting with the 2022-2023 academic year, children must attend a full-day public or non-public Kindergarten for a full school year before they can enter the first grade.

There are a variety of programs that, if full day, meet the requirements of Act 386 for students to have attended Kindergarten for a full year:

- Children who have attended a full day Kindergarten Program at a *Public School* for a full school year
- Children who have attended a full day Kindergarten Program at a *Non-Public School* for a full school year
- Children who have received initial state approval to attend a full day Kindergarten Program through a *home study program*

Senate Bill 177, if passed, would delay these requirements for one year (until the 2023-2024 school year). The Department will have more information about the requirements after legislative session ends.

Mandatory Kindergarten & Non-Public Schools

Early learning providers are not classified as “non-public schools” unless the early learning provider chooses to operate their Kindergarten class as a non-public school.

- Entities that operate Early Learning Centers may operate a qualifying full-day Kindergarten class as a *Non-Public School* provided that the program is for a full school year to meet the compulsory Kindergarten attendance requirements.
- Entities that operate Early Learning Centers may operate a qualifying full-day Kindergarten class and receive public funding as a *BESE-Approved Non-Public School* provided that they are *Brumfield v. Dodd* approved and that they follow the requirements for non-public approval in Bulletin 741 as well as the expectations for Early Learning Centers in Bulletin 137 and Bulletin 140.
- For more information regarding entry into Kindergarten and first grade, please contact your local school system.

2021-2022 CLASS® Observations

Last semester, more than 1500 sites participated in Bulletin 140 required CLASS® observations.

Community network lead agencies coordinated more than 5,630 observations, observing more than 450,000 minutes of early childhood instruction.

- Community network lead agencies conducted 812 Infant CLASS® observations, 1,506 Toddler CLASS® observations, and 3,314 Pre-K CLASS® observations.
- Observations were conducted at 1,533 sites during the Fall 2021 semester.

Teachers and Directors looking to grow in their knowledge of the CLASS® tool may be interested in viewing the Department's video library of exemplars of the domains and dimensions. This video library can be found on the [Louisiana Believes website](#).

Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) Review

Following more than a year of intense stakeholder review by early learning experts and partner agencies around the state, Louisiana's Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) Review Committee endorsed a [draft of revised standards](#) on April 6, 2022.

- Draft standards will be available for public comment this month.
- Draft standards and all meeting materials of the ELDS Review Committee are available in the [Standards Review Committee Library](#).

April 2022	Public Comment/Feedback Process
May 2022	ECCE Advisory Council, Bulletin 136 Revisions
June 2022	BESE, Bulletin 136 Revision
Fall 2022	ELDS roll out

Guest Speaker:
Kari Stattelman
First Children's Finance





Our Theory Change





RECORD KEEPING

- Separate your personal account from your business account
- Keep record of bank statements
- Track fees / interest
- Online banking
 - Remote deposit
 - Easy access to services
 - Online bill / pay
- Internet pay



What Systems are you Currently Using to Track Income and Expenses?

- Financial materials such as receipts
- Accounts: banking, shopping
- Mileage
- Daily documents: file system, online recording, pictures



Organizing

Organizing helps you be more productive and effective in managing and leading your child care business



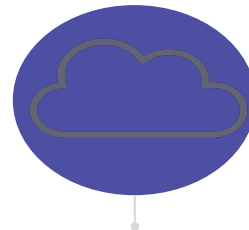
**Create a
color-coded
filing system**



**Envelope
and
shoebox
system**



**Create
systems with
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folders**



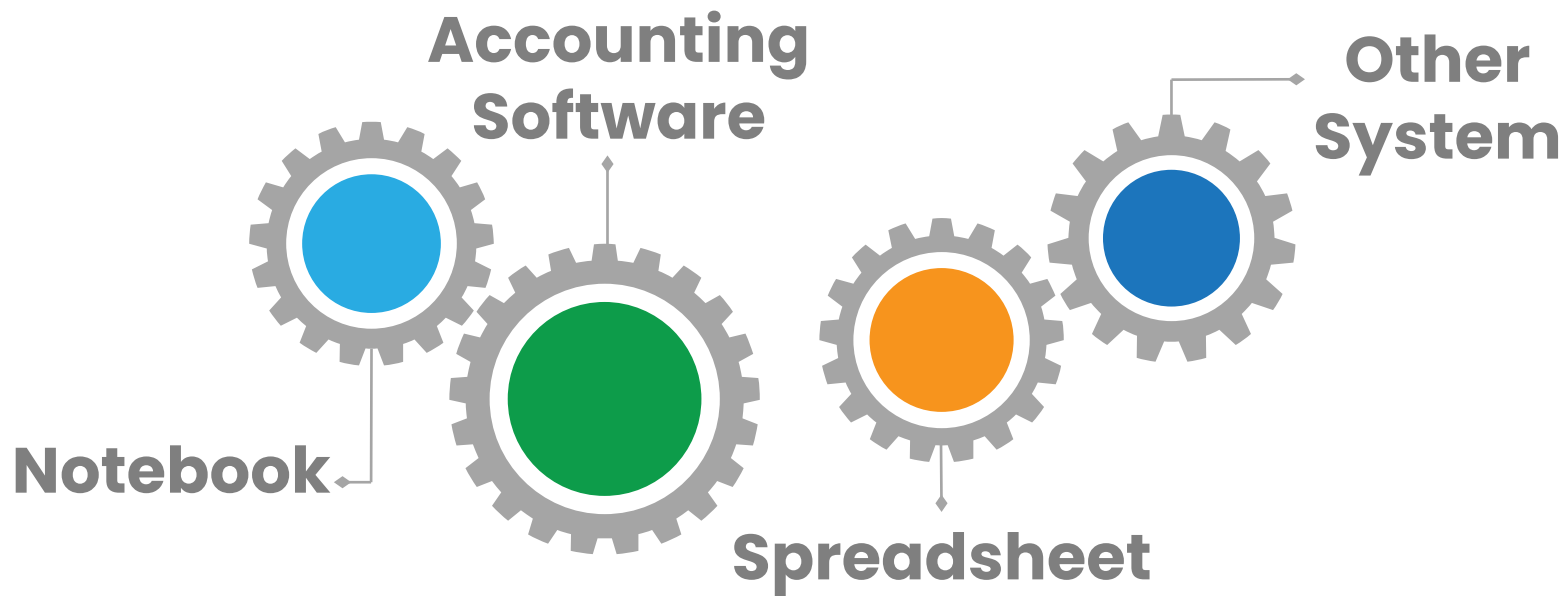
**Cloud
based
services**



**Computer
program**



How Will you Keep Records?





What's Next

- Louisiana Believes: CCMS information

https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/early-childhood/all-about-ccms.pdf?sfvrsn=b1c86718_2

- One-on-One Consultation



Presenter Information:

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Upcoming Events

Teacher Leader Summit: *Making a Comeback!*

- The [2022 Teacher Leader Summit](#) will be held Tuesday, May 31 - Thursday, June 2 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (NOENMCC).
- [Registration](#) is open through April 15 and is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Contact LDOEvents@la.gov with any questions



Early Childhood Conference



- When:** July 22-24
(Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)
- Where:** New Orleans, LA
- Who:** EC directors/providers,
child care teachers, and
families

More information can be found on the [Powering Up webpage](#).

Upcoming Webinar

The Department will be hosting 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:

- **Webinar Date/Time:** Thursday, May 5 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93597745872>
- **Phone Number:** 1-312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID:** 935 9774 5872

Contact Info

Child Care Licensing

- Call 225-342-9905
- Email ldelicensing@la.gov or email licensing consultants directly

Child Care Assistance Program

- Call 225-250-7635 or 225-252-9543
- Email ldeccap@la.gov or enter a [ticket](#) at the Provider Help Desk
- TOTS Assistance: Jackie.Droddy2@la.gov

Child Care Provider Certification

- Email providercertification@la.gov

Child Care Criminal Background Checks

- Call 225-342-2716 or 225-342-5311 or email LDEchildcareCBC@la.gov

General Early Childhood Support

- Email earlychildhood@la.gov

