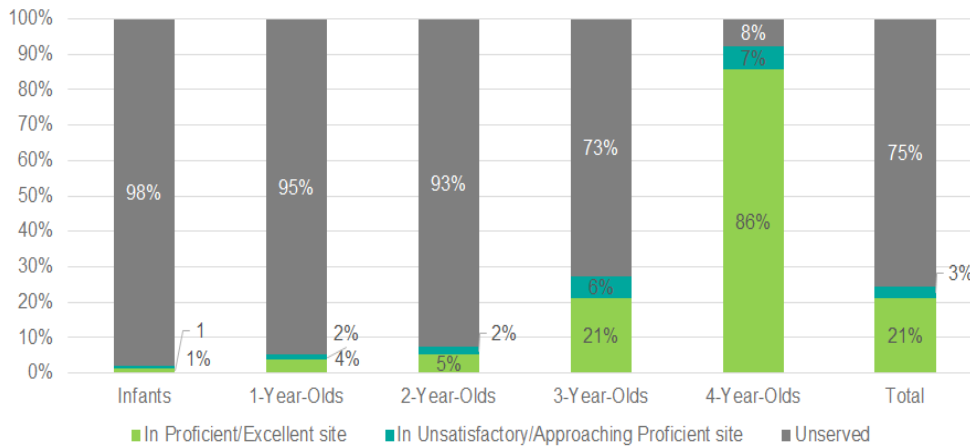


### Is Type III the Right License for Me?

As you are considering which license type to select for your center, we want to provide you with information about why a Type III license may be the right next step for you. By choosing to be a Type III license, your center will be able to serve publicly-funded children, participate in the state’s early childhood care and education network, and receive many improvement resources and funding opportunities. Becoming a Type III early learning center provides a valuable service to your community, helps families grow their careers, and demonstrates a commitment to quality improvement.

#### Economically Disadvantaged Children and Access to Quality Care and Education



Despite the gains that the Department has made to improve program quality, the state has yet to ensure that all families needing early childhood care and education have access to quality options. Even though the state serves about 90 percent of its economically disadvantaged four-year-old children, it reaches just 30 percent of its economically disadvantaged three-year-old children and even fewer birth through age two children who are economically disadvantaged.

**Type III** is the only license type that can serve children through the Child Care Assistance Program or foster children. The other types of licenses prohibit a center from receiving many publicly-funded benefits and from accepting publicly-funded children.

<b>Type I</b>	Early learning centers owned or operated by a tax exempt faith-based organization and receive no state or federal funds directly or indirectly from any source
<b>Type II</b>	Early learning centers not accepting public funding, unless they are nonprofit and therefore eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
<b>Type III</b>	Early learning centers authorized to accept some form of public funding to serve in-need children (Child Care Assistance or CCAP, Head Start funds, or NSECD monies)

**Type III centers agree to meet the performance and academic standards of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network regarding kindergarten readiness.**

- Implement Louisiana’s Early Learning and Development Standards;
- Allow teachers to be observed using the *CLASS* tool;
- Ensure lead teachers obtain at least a CDA level credential within two years through an approved program;
- Count all publicly-funded birth to five children in October and February; and
- Attend parish-level meetings with other providers to coordinate engagement and support.

**By agreeing to these standards, Type III centers benefit from:**

- Membership in a collaborative community network of child care, Head Start, and pre-K providers;
- Participation in the state’s early childhood unified quality rating and improvement system; and
- Opportunities to receive public funding and incentives, participate in grants and tax credits, and be marketed to families with the center’s quality rating information via [www.louisianaschools.com](http://www.louisianaschools.com).

**Type III centers benefit from a wide variety of incentives that benefit directors, families, teachers and children.**

	Type I	Type II	Type III	Annual Value
Eligible for Child and Adult Care Food Program		✓	✓	up to \$6.00 per child per day
Eligible for funded seats including Child Care Assistance Program, LA-4/diverse delivery, NSECD, Early Head Start, Head Start, Preschool Development Grant			✓	up to \$5,940 per toddler seat annually
Eligible for Child Care Assistance Program Bonuses			✓	On average \$6,400
School Readiness Tax Credits			✓	
• For Providers			✓	up to \$1,500 per Eligible CCAP child
• For Directors			✓	up to \$3,429
• For Teachers			✓	up to \$3,429
• For Families			✓	up to 200% of eligible expenses
• For Businesses			✓	up to \$5,000
Curriculum Initiative (2 kits per year)			✓	up to \$4,000
Free access to TS <i>GOLD</i> assessment for every publicly-funded child			✓	\$10.45 per child
Access to free training and coaching from regional Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)			✓	up to \$200
Access to Supports from Mental Health Consultants (MHC)			✓	up to \$3,692
Pathways Scholarships to obtain a CDA-level credential and other advanced degrees			✓	up to \$3,880
About My Site page on Louisiana School and Center Finder	✓	✓	✓	
Quality rating listed on Louisiana School and Center Finder for families to compare choices and make an informed decision			✓	
Participation in a community network of ECE providers, including shared services opportunities and coordinated enrollment campaign			✓	
Cost saving through State Contracts	✓	✓	✓	

To apply for a Type III license, visit the [Louisiana Cafe Provider Portal](#). Create a user ID and password and complete the application. If you have any questions about applying for a Type III license, contact [earlychildhood@la.gov](mailto:earlychildhood@la.gov).