









Resource Guide for Child Care Providers in the New Orleans Area

I. Programs that Fund Technical Assistance, Repairs and Improvements

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| <p>Louisiana DSS Repair and Improvement Grants</p> | <p>Repair and Improvement grants fund repairs or purchases that would improve the quality of child care services. Grant amounts range from up to \$600 for family child care homes to up to \$10,000 for Class A centers.</p> | <p>Family Child Care Homes that receive Child Care Assistance and Class A centers that receive Child Care Assistance. Please note that Class A centers must be currently licensed in order to receive the grant.</p> | <p> Website: http://www.dss.state.la.us/departments/ofs/CCAP_Other_Serices_Provided.html</p> <p>Contact Agenda for Children or the Office of Family Support to fill out an application.</p> <p>The New Orleans OFS is located at: 3510 General Meyer Avenue New Orleans, LA 70114</p> <p> Phone: (504) 361-6366 Fax: (504) 361-6007</p> <p> Email: ofsalgiers@dss.state.la.us</p> |












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| <p>Institute of Mental Hygiene</p> | <p>IMH offers grants to promote early childhood mental health. Grants of up to \$10,000 can be used to purchase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ curriculum ❑ needed materials, equipment, furniture and books ❑ training for your staff ❑ training for the parents of your children | <p>For-profit and nonprofit Class A childcare centers in ORLEANS parish may apply for IMH grants.</p> | <p>Institute of Mental Hygiene 1055 St. Charles Avenue, Ste 350 New Orleans, LA 70130-3995</p> <p> Phone: (504) 566-1852</p> <p> Fax: (504) 566-1853</p> <p> Email: imh@imhno.org</p> <p> Main Website: http://www.imhno.org/</p> <p> Early Childhood Mini-Grant: http://www.imhno.org/imh_childcare_minigrants.html</p> |











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| <p>Family Child Care Mini-Grant</p> | <p>Agenda for Children received funding from the Institute for Mental Hygiene (IMH) to provide developmentally appropriate materials to Family Child Care Homes in the Orleans Parish.</p> | <p>Family child care homes <u>in ORLEANS Parish</u> that have received family child care orientation and are either registered with a food sponsor or certified to receive Child Care Assistance payments.</p> | <p>Request an application from: Agenda for Children 1720 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans, LA 70130  Phone: 504-586-8509, ext. 116  Email: klee@agendaforchildren.org  Website: www.agendaforchildren.org/fccgrant.pdf</p> |
| <p>KaBOOM! Operation Playground: Rebuilding Playgrounds; Restoring Childhoods</p> | <p>KaBOOM! is an organization that builds playgrounds for schools, municipalities, and non-profit organizations that serve kids. Operation Playground is a two-year effort to build 100 playgrounds in the gulf coast.</p> | <p>Schools, municipalities, and non-profits that serve children can submit a “playground profile” to KaBOOM! by contacting Evelyn Furia.</p> | <p>KaBoom! Evelyn Furia  Phone: 202-464-6070  Email: efuria@kaboom.org.  Website: http://www.kaboom.org/</p> |
| <p>Junior League Community Assistance Fund Grants</p> | <p>The Junior League’s Community Assistance Fund provides nonprofits with grants of up to \$4,000. The grants are offered twice a year, so check the Junior League website to find out about upcoming deadlines.</p> | <p>Nonprofits that serve the greater New Orleans area are invited to apply.</p> | <p>Junior League New Orleans Erin Luetkemeier  Phone: 504-891-5845, ext. 170  Email: erinluetkemeier@hotmail.com  Website: http://www.jlno.org/?nd=grantapp</p> |

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| <p>Louisiana Pathways</p> | <p>LA Pathways is a child care career development system that helps child care workers obtain training and keep track of the training they have received. Pathways offers scholarships for CDA assessment, Family Child Care Home Accreditation, college courses and some other purposes. They also offer scholarships for Class A centers that wish to maintain or are seeking NAEYC accreditation.</p> | <p>All child care workers can participate in the career development program. In order to apply for scholarships, childcare workers must become a member of LA Pathways. <u>There is no membership fee.</u> Only Class A centers may participate in the accreditation scholarship program.</p> | <p>Louisiana Pathways Child Care Career Development System 1800 Warrington Place Shreveport, LA 71101</p> <p> Phone: 1-800-245-8925</p> <p> Fax: 318-677-3169</p> <p> Email: ailletd@nsula.edu</p> <p> Website: http://pathways.louisiana.gov/default.htm</p> <p>***You can also contact your Agenda for Children for more information.***</p> |
| <p>Louisiana Department of Labor Incumbent Worker Training Program: Small Business Employee Training</p> | <p>The IWTP-SBET program helps owners of small businesses pay for training of existing employees. The program will pay <u>up to \$3,000</u> per fiscal year for each employee that receives approved training. Training can be for college credit or non-credit.</p> | <p>Employers must have been in business in the state for at least three years, contributing to the workforce development training account, be in full compliance with Louisiana's UI laws, have 50 or less employees and cannot receive customized training and SBET concurrently.</p> <p>Trainees must be incumbent workers for whom the employer incurs a state UI tax liability.</p> <p><u>There are other eligibility requirements that must be met.</u></p> <p>Please use the contact information at right to learn more about this program.</p> | <p>In the New Orleans area,* contact: Louisiana Department of Labor Teresa Basco 735 St Charles Ave. New Orleans, LA 70130</p> <p> Phone: (504) 568-3623</p> <p> Fax: (504) 568-2931</p> <p> Email: TBasco@ldol.state.la.us</p> <p>* Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Tammany parishes</p> <p> Website: http://www.laworks.net/WorkforceDev/IWTP/IWTP_MainMenu.asp</p> |










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| United Way IDA | IDAs (Individual Development Accounts) are savings accounts that give low income individuals and families the opportunity save and build assets. Those who open an IDA will receive matching funds towards purchasing a house or car or opening a childcare center. Every dollar saved earns a \$4 match. Savings of up to \$2000 towards purchasing a home or opening a childcare center will receive a match of \$8000. Savings up to \$1000 towards a vehicle purchase will receive a match of \$4000. | <p>To be eligible you must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be employed • earn below 200% of the poverty line • not own more than \$10,000 in assets not including one primary home and one vehicle <p>Applicants are required to take 12 hours of financial education and training.</p> | The program, supported by the United Way, is administered by Family Services of Greater New Orleans. For more information call 504-822-0800 and ask about the IDA program. |
| Hope Community Credit Union Micro-Loan | Hope Community Credit Union and Acción USA are offering loans of \$2,000-\$25,000 to formal and informal businesses (including family child care providers) impacted by the 2005 hurricanes. The program features a quick loan application process that helps businesses move forward rapidly. | Small business in the New Orleans area who are existing businesses affected by the hurricanes. Companies must have been in operation for two years or more prior to Katrina. However, HCC/Accion is encouraging all child care providers in need of loans to apply, even if they had not been in business for two years before the hurricane. | <p>Hope Community Credit Union Rosalind Washington 1726 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd New Orleans, LA 70113 (map)</p> <p> Phone: (504) 581-4673</p> <p> Fax: 504-527-0691</p> <p> Email: rwashington@ecd.org</p> <p> Website: http://www.hopecu.org/Business/MicroLoan.htm</p> |




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| <p>Good Work Network</p> | <p>The Good Work Network is currently offering business training for family child care providers. The program includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *business training customized for childcare providers *cooperative back office services such as accounting *access to small loans and grants. | <p>Low-income and disadvantaged business entrepreneurs can participate. Many family child care homes and child care center owners qualify for assistance. Please use the contact information at the right to get more specific information about the eligibility requirements.</p> | <p>Good Work Network Patrick Anderson</p> <p> Phone: (504) 309-2073</p> <p> Fax: (504) 309-2090</p> <p> Website: http://www.goodworknetwork.org/</p> |
| <p>Louisiana Economic Development: Small Business Development Centers</p> | <p>Small Business Development Centers offer business counseling, technical assistance, and business training for owners, operators, or managers of existing or new small businesses.</p> <p>UNO's SBDC offers specialized courses for child care providers, including both family child care homes and center owners.</p> | <p>Any small business owner, operator, or manager is eligible.</p> | <p>UNO SBDC/ITC University of New Orleans SBDC/International Trade Center #2 Canal Street, World Trade Center Suite 2926, New Orleans, LA 70130-1507</p> <p> Phone: (504) 568-8222</p> <p> Fax: (504) 599-1152</p> <hr/> <p>Loyola SBDC Carmen Sunda, Director Loyola University New Orleans SBDC 6363 ST. Charles Ave. Box 134 New Orleans, LA 70118-6195</p> <p> Phone: (504) 864-7942</p> <p> Fax: (504) 864-7070</p> <p> E-Mail: sbdc@loyno.edu</p> <p> Website: www.cba.loyno.edu</p> |

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| <p>Total Community Action: IDA Program</p> | <p>Individual Development Accounts (IDA's) are matched savings accounts designed to assist low-income individuals and families with the acquisition of one of three assets: a first home, a start-up business or expansion, or post-secondary education. IDAs help individuals and families save by providing matching dollars for every earned dollar the individuals save. For example, if you put \$1,000 in your IDA, the program will match it with up to \$2,000.</p> | <p>Low-income individuals who are willing to attend financial literacy and asset-specific classes can participate in the IDA program. Visit the website or call for more information about the specific eligibility requirements.</p> | <p>Total Community Action 1424 South Jefferson Davis Pkwy  Phone: (504) 872-0329</p> |
| <p>Discount on Items in ABC School Supply Early Learning & Infant/Toddler Catalogs</p> | <p>ABC School Supply Early Learning & Infant/Toddler is offering discounts of 18% on items in their catalog (excludes Drop-Ship items, playground items, all sale catalogs & internet offers.) To receive the discount, use offer code #CS07-LA on all P.O.'s.</p> | | <p>You may request a catalog at http://www.abcschoolsupply.com/ or by calling 1-800-669-4222. Carol Billon, Educational Sales Consultant  Phone or Fax: 985-792-5059</p> |
| <p>Discount on Items in Childcraft Growing Years Catalog</p> | <p>Childcraft Growing Years Catalog is offering discounts of 12% on items in their catalog (excludes factory-direct items, all sale catalogs & internet offers.) To receive the discount, use offer code #CF07-LA on all P.O.'s.</p> | | <p>You may request a catalog by calling 1-800-631-5652 or at www.childcraft.com. Carol Billon, Educational Sales Consultant  Phone or Fax: 985-792-5059</p> |

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