

1e. Application Procedure for Pregnant Mothers

Process

Families can apply for a seat for an unborn child using the Main Round application process if that child's estimated due date is on or before June 15th of the upcoming school year.

Rationale

Louisiana licensing requires that a child be at least 6 weeks old before attending an early childhood program. Children born on or before June 15th of a given year will be 6 weeks old by August 1st of that year. Currently no early childhood programs that participate in OneApp start their school year before August 1st, ensuring that all otherwise eligible infants assigned through Main Round can be served. Children with an estimated due date on or before June 15th of a given year who are born after that date will still be matched to programs and must be served by the assigned program.

3e. Infants and Waitlist After Main Round

Process

- Infants added to waitlists via Main Round will be six weeks old by August 1st of the upcoming school year (see Application Procedure for Pregnant Moms).
- Infants added to waitlists after Main Round, those added through Open Enrollment or Late Enrollment, must be 6 weeks old at the time they are added to waitlists.

Rationale

Requiring that infants added to waitlists after Main Round be at least 6 weeks old ensures that they can accept a waitlist offer when it is made and further ensures that a center will not have to hold a seat for an infant who cannot yet take a current year placement due to age.