



City of New Orleans/ NOEEN ECE Seats



Agenda for CHILDREN

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Overview of City of New Orleans/NOEEN ECE Seats

- **\$750,000 committed for 18-19 school year**
 - \$600,00 for 50 seats at \$12,000/year
 - \$150,000 for administrative and enhancement costs
- NOEEN is still pursuing additional private funding for additional seats
- Participating sites must have at least an average CLASS score of at least 3.75 (higher tier of Approaching Proficient)
- Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) is expected to be signed in April.
- Once CEA is signed, recruitment of sites and families will begin.

Key Decisions

Which children will be eligible?

Age	Under 3 (as of 9/30/2018)
Income	Less than federal poverty level (consistent with Early Head Start)
Priorities	Children with a disability (as documented by an Individualized Family Service Plan), children in foster care and children in homeless families

Children will apply and verify, and be matched to programs through EnrollNOLA.

Which programs can participate?

Licensed type III centers with average CLASS scores of at least 3.75. They will apply to offer a set number of seats through a modified version of the Coordinated Funding Request process.

Key Decisions: Quality Standards

Dimension	Standard
Child Assessment	Use GOLD actively
Curriculum	Tier 1 Curriculum in place
Ratios	one adult for every four infants/toddlers
Group Size	maximum of 8
Staff Credentials	Teachers must have at least a CDA. Teachers with a degree should have the degree in early childhood education or at least 12 credits in early childhood education.
Schedule	10 hour days, year round
Nutrition	Programs must participate in the food program
Attendance	Children should attend at least 75% of days in a month.