NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK (NOEEN)

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

January 13, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MEMBER	ENTITY REPRESENTED
Thelma French	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Dr. Fateama Fulmore	NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS)
Amy Hook-Poirier	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
Jonika Julian-Harris	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
Kate Mehok	Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4)
Joy Mitchell	Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
Emmy O'Dwyer	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Melanie Richardson	Family Child Care Providers
Jen Roberts	NOEEN Nonprofit Corporation Board of Directors
Monique B. Rouege	Early Childhood Education Fund (ECEF)
Rochelle Wilcox	City Seats

2025-26 ENROLLMENT UPDATES

25-26 ENROLLMENT UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 9, 2026

Funding Source	Total Filled	Seats Offered	Total Allocation	Percentage of Seats Filled	Infants		1 Year Olds		2 Year Olds		3 Year Olds		4 Year Olds	
					Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats
CS	997	0	1000	99%	104	1	222	1	325	0	349	1		
*ECEF	803	7	810	99%	95	0	173	0	221	0	321	0		
EHS	640	2	643	99%	79	0	232	1	331	0				
HS	925	5	936	99%							505	2	431	4
**LA4	1,272	4	1,276	100%									1,276	0
NSECD	371	2	374	99%							81	1	293	0
Total Seats	5,008	20	5,042	99%	280	1	631	2	875	0	1,255	4	1,998	4
*reduction in seat allocation 10/12/25 ** increase in seat allocation by Total of 36 seats *** available HS seats @ 1 grantee					*99% Filled*		*99% Filled*		*100% Filled*		*99% Filled*		*99% Filled*	

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2025-2026 Timeline

Sept 2025

Open Enrollment Fall Edition

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Sept 1: *Begin Avela discussion*

Sept 4: *LA4 audit*

Sept 15: *EC School Exploration prep begins*

Sept 15: *Review LA4 open seats for decisions*

Oct 2025

26-27 Application Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Oct 15: *Review EC priorities*

Avela changes finalized

Oct 15: *EC School Exploration meetings begin*

Nov 2025

Main Round Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Media Campaign begins

Nov 5, 12 & 19: *EC Mighty Minutes for Families of Tiny Tots*

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

Dec 2025

Main Round Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Staff refresher training

Dec 3: *EC Mighty Minutes for Families of Tiny Tots*

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

Jan 2026

Main Round Launch

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Jan 5: *Main Round Application Opens*

Verifications begin

Jan 9: *In person verifications begin*

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

Jan 31: *EC School Exploration Fair*

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2025-2026 Timeline

Feb 2026
Main Round Closes

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Feb 20: *Main round app closes for new applications*

Feb 23 - Feb 27: *Document Submission Period for incomplete applications 5pm*

Document review period begins

Mar 2026
Main Round Match Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Mar 6: *Document Review period ends 5pm*
Main Round Application closed

Mar 9-10: *Incomplete Family Messages (Getting Ready for Open Enrollment)*

By Mar 13: *Priorities sent to providers*

Office Hours will be held

Mar 20: *Priorities due from providers*

Mar 27: *Preliminary Waitlist Feedback due*

Apr 2026
Main Round Results Released

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

BESE Allocations

Week of April 27 *- Match results released* ***(EHS, HS, LA4, NSECD)***

May 2026
Open Enrollment Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

May 4: *Deactivation Requests begin for declined seats*

May 22: *Registration Deadline*

Deactivation Requests begin families who missed registration deadline

May 30: *2025-2026 Open Enrollment Ends*

2025-2026 *application closes*

June 2026
Open Enrollment

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

June 1: *Open Enrollment begins (Early Head Start, Head Start, LA4, NSECD)*

TBD: Open Enrollment begins (City Seats, ECEF)

June 3,10, 17 &24: *Summer In-person verifications*

Wednesdays in July

SY 2025-2026 LA4 AUDIT UPDATE

SY 25-26 LA4 Audit Update

The purpose of the review was to ensure that all activities were in compliance with the LA 4 child eligibility and attendance requirements.

Review Period: September 2025
Report Date: December 18, 2025
Report Received: January 5, 2026
Number of files reviewed: 100
Number of files determined eligible: 100
Number of attendance records in compliance: 100

Final Determination: The results of the monitoring revealed that there were no findings that need resolution.

2026-2027 ENROLLMENT UPDATES

2026-2027 MAIN ROUND LAUNCH

SY 2026-2027 MAIN ROUND LAUNCH

On January 5, 2026 the SY 26-27 Main Round Application opened at 10:30 am.

1st day of MR launch a total of
- 179 Applications were submitted
- 197 incomplete applications
- 13 successfully verified

As of Friday, January 9, 2026 867 Applications received.

Submitted = answered all questions, Uploaded documents
Incomplete = never submitted **OR** Placed back into incomplete from submission **OR** Moved from Guarantee Locked for Lottery

Submitted Applications by Age

INF	1YR	2YR	3YR	4YR	Total
8	24	24	55	287	398

Incomplete Applications Received by Age

INF	1YR	2YR	3YR	4YR	Total
17	51	49	98	254	469

867 Applicants
5,146 Applications

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT PLAN

2026-2027 COORDINATED ENROLLMENT PLAN

As part of the 2026-2027 CFR process, CNLA's are required to submit a Coordinated Enrollment Plan to LDOE signed by its program partners.

- Include signatures from each program partner (Head Start, Type III child care site, family child care, public schools, NSECD sites, and charter schools) demonstrating they have been engaged in the planning process and approve the plan.
- Plan describes coordinated enrollment process including changes made for the new applying year SY 2026-2027.
- Due by January 15, 2026
- Previous plan is reviewed for accurateness and updated as needed

2026-2027 COORDINATED ENROLLMENT PLAN

Beginning in December 2025, the 2025-2026 plan has been reviewed for notable changes by NOLA-PS and Agenda for Children.

The following changes have been made to the coordinated enrollment plan for SY 2026-2027:

- Section 1: Maximize System Capacity (# of applicants/waitlist by age)
- Section 2: Coordinated Informational Campaign (new strategies)
- Section 4: Application Enhancements
- Section 5: Developmental Screening Data (current data)

Section 1: Maximize System Capacity

Community Network Lead Agencies utilize strategies that maximize available funding sources and increase access to publicly-funded early childhood programs each year. Please plan to use the CNLA data kit to complete the following questions.

1. Complete the table below using enrollment data to inform family demand for publicly-funded early childhood seats in the community. NOTE CNLAs can use current year enrollment data, 2025-2026 Child Count if it has been audited, or the previous year's spring Child Count data.

	Example	**Infants**	**Ones**	**Twos**	**Threes**	**Fours**
Number of Applications Received	*10*	*529*	*960*	*1,203*	*1,590*	*2,456*
Number of Families on the Waitlist	*0*	*681*	*945*	*811*	*553*	*325*
Is there an Access Gap? Yes or No	*No*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*

Section 2: Coordinated Informational Campaign

Campaign goal: Ensure families across New Orleans can **clearly understand**, **confidently navigate**, and **equitably access** early learning & childcare options.

What We Implemented

- Clear, Family-Centered Communication
  - Simplified application language & instructions
  - Transparent explanations of eligibility, funding, and timelines.
- Multi-Channel Outreach
  - Website tools, email, SMS, social media, digital ads and community-based in-person support.
- High-Touch Family Support
  - Application Hubs & Verification Events
  - Family Resource Centers & Exploration Fairs
  - One-on-one guidance and document support

Section 4: Coordinated Application, Matching, and Registration

1. *Improved Smart Logic in Avela: Adjusted the logic to account for nuanced eligibility criteria for various funding sources, ensuring more accurate placements.*
2. *Verification Field Updates: Added a "Verification of Work and Training" field for the 2026-2027 enrollment cycle to streamline documentation collection and align with audit requirements.*
3. Added number hours related to verification of work and training

Matching Process Enhancements:

4. *Transitioned from a main round match to a daily matching system for open enrollment, ensuring quicker seat offers and reducing waitlist anxiety for families.*
5. *Implemented a system that flags families at risk of losing their priority status if documentation deadlines are not met.*

Registration Improvements:

6. *Introduced multilingual registration resources to support non-English speaking families, including translated guides and step-by-step tutorial videos.*
7. *Enhanced accessibility for families through in-person assistance at Family Resource Centers and pop-up support events in high-need neighborhoods.*

Section 5: Developmental Screening Data

Developmental Screening Ages Birth-2	
	Total from Community Network
Number of children screened using a developmental screener ages birth-two.	1,470
Number of children who were *at-risk* in one or more developmental domains aged birth-two.	331
Out of the children determined *at-risk*, how many children were referred to EarlySteps?	99
Out of the children *referred for evaluation*, how many children were identified as needing additional services?	46

Section 5: Developmental Screening Data

Developmental Screening Ages 3-5	
	Total from Community Network
Number of children screened using a developmental screener ages three-five.	879
Number of children who were *at-risk* in one or more developmental domains aged three-five.	196
Out of the children determined *at-risk,* how many children were referred to the local school system?	63
Out of the children *referred for evaluation*, how many children were identified as needing additional services?	24

January Action Item

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee is tasked with reviewing and approving the 2026-2027 Coordinated Enrollment Plan describing the Orleans Parish coordinated enrollment process and current data:

- Discussion
- Motion
- Vote

Coordinated Enrollment Plan Next Steps

If approved, as a member of the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee and program partner, is tasked with providing a signature to demonstrate engagement in the planning and approval of the Coordinated Enrollment Plan prior to submission to LDOE.

UPCOMING ENROLLMENT EVENTS

January's Winter Application Events

Clover (Formerly Kingsley House)

Friday, January 9, 2026

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

1600 Constance St,
New Orleans, LA 70130

Harmony Oaks Community Center

Friday, January 16, 2026

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

2514 Washington Ave,
New Orleans, LA 70113

Total Community Action (TCA)

Friday, January 23, 2026

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

1420 S Norman C. Francis Pkwy,
New Orleans, LA 70125

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February's Winter Application Events

Mildred Osborne Charter School

Friday, February 6, 2026

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

6701 Curran Blvd,
New Orleans, LA 70126

Milne Recreation Center

Friday, February 20, 2026

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

5420 Franklin Ave
New Orleans, LA 70122

Treme Recreation Community Center

Friday, February 27, 2026

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

900 N Villere St,
New Orleans, LA 70116

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OPEN FORUM

FUTURE MEETINGS

Steering Committee Meetings

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- **January 21 @ TBD**
- **March 18** @ NOLA-PS
- **April 15** @ NOLA-PS
- **May 13** @ TBD
- **June 10** @ TBD

Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meetings

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- **March 10** @ NOLA-PS
- **April 7** @ NOLAPS
- **May 5** @ NOLA-PS
- **June 2** @ NOLA-PS

**Those individuals who were interested in participating in the Working Group were requested to sign up by 3/18 COB. Any interested parties are welcome to attend as audience members.*

X. ADJOURNMENT