27/28 CFR Working Group Preliminary Recommendations

On September 1, 2026, 19 providers developed the following recommendations for the 2027-2028 CFR Process.

Overall Feedback

- The CFR Process is working.
- All portions of the CFR process should be fair and consider current early childhood provider, access, and funding realities.

CFR Scoring

- Remove the training hours indicator in the CFR Seat Application Rubric.
- Remove the need to upload documents as part of the CFR Seat Application process.
- Remove indicators that consider licensing deficiencies from the CFR Seat Application Rubric.
- Remove the use of CLASS Scores in eligibility determination* and scoring.*
- Incorporate feedback from coaches coach feedback into scoring.
- Incorporate parent feedback from surveys into scoring.
- Include a process for determining eligibility and differentiation of scores when sites receive the same CFR Seat Application score.
- Align CFR Seat Application scores with seat allocation priorities.

CFR Seat Allocation Priorities

- Maintain continuity of care, remove continuity of allocation, and place the remaining seats into a seat bank to be allocated to returning and new providers based on CFR scores.
- Allocate the same number of seats to each site within the network.
- Allocate seats based on a percentage of each eligible sites' licensed capacity; develop a ceiling and a floor for the percentage of seats allocated at each site based on licensed capacity.
- Allocate seats based on the total percentage or number of all publicly funded seats at a site (Early Head Start, CCAP B-3, CCAP, ECEF Seats, City Seats, etc.).
- Allocate seats to Academically Approved Family Child Care (FCC) sites.**
- Reallocated family withdrawn seats to a different qualified provider.

ECEF and City Seats Administration

- The program administrator should create and distribute a CFR and seat allocation FAQ document.
- The program administrator should create an accountability body for sites receiving ECEF and City Seats.
- The program administrator should increase efforts focused on ensuring that families receiving ECEF and City Seats are aware of the Parent Complaint Process.
- The program administrator should cut payments for seats in half in order to serve more children.**

Other Recommendations

- Additional training sessions should be offered for directors and providers.
- The LDOE should change the Early Childhood Ancillary Certification process.***
- There should be increased provider participation in advocacy efforts.***

These preliminary recommendations are currently under final review by the Working Group members and final recommendations will be shared at the October NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee and Steering Committee meetings.

**This recommendation cannot be implemented due to LDOE requirements*
***This recommendation cannot be implemented for City Seats due to City of New Orleans requirements.*
***These recommendations are not related to the CFR Process nor are they part of the responsibilities of NOEEN*