

## 2024-2025 Request for Early Childhood Seats

For the 2024-2025 school session, The Ready Start Tangipahoa Early Childhood Community Network is requesting 690 LA4 seats. This is an increase of 20 seats from the 2023-2024 school session. Diverse delivery classes at The Early Learning Center of Ponchatoula (40 seats), Ponchatoula Prep Academy (20 seats) and Explore and Learn Early Learning Center in Hammond (20 seats) will continue being funded by LA4.

The network is asking for 350 Birth-3 year old seats, an increase of 37 seats from the 2023-2024 allocation. Children will be placed in the following child care centers: Kingdom Kids 2 (Amite), A'Mazing Kidz, Cutting the Pattern, Little Grace Childcare and Learning Center (Independence), ABC Academy, Building Blocks Early Learning Center, Eagle Christian Academy, Explore and Learn Early Learning Center, Hammond Early Learning Center, Happy Feet Learning Center, Kingdom Kids, Laci ABC 2, Living Way Instruction Zone Child Care, and The Gingerbread House of Learning (Hammond), Learn N Grow Learning Center, Little Angels, Montessori and Me, Ponchatoula Prep Academy, and Punkin Patch (Ponchatoula). These seats would allow the network to serve more infants, toddlers, and three-year-old children in Tangipahoa Parish. Parents will apply for seats through the Ready Start Network and must meet eligibility requirements.

We are encouraging public input for the 2024-2025 funding plan. Please direct all comments to <u>Carmen.brabham@tangischools.org</u>. Comments may also be mailed to 59656 Puleston Rd. Amite, LA 70422, faxed to 985-748-2455, or hand delivered to the Academics Department at the Tangipahoa Parish School System District Office.