

# EARLY CHILDHOOD

## Child Care Connections

Helping parents find quality child care, and providing training and technical assistance to child care providers

 **2,346**  
TEACHERS TRAINED ANNUALLY

## Children's Coalition Early Head Start

Providing quality child care for children from birth through age three at three centers in Ouachita Parish

 **93**  
CHILDREN SERVED DAILY

## Community Networks

Coordinating enrollment of all early childhood care and education programs and implementing Act 3

 **90** SITES PARTICIPATING IN COORDINATED ENROLLMENT

## LAASR

Louisiana Alliance for Shared Resources is a "one-stop shop" for cost savings and time savings for child care centers and educators

 **510** MEMBERSHIPS STATEWIDE

## Pre-K Expansion

Oversight of two high-quality Pre-K classrooms in a child care setting in conjunction with Monroe City Schools

 **50** SLOTS

## Believe & Prepare

Teacher preparation program designed to prepare teachers working in publicly funded Early Learning Centers to obtain the Early Childhood Ancillary Teaching Certificate

# HEALTHY LIVING



## Al's Pals

Teaching preschool children the social-emotional and resiliency skills to make healthy choices

 **1,879**  
CHILDREN SERVED TWO TIMES PER WEEK

## Literacy Plus

Providing literacy programs that bridge the home and school so that children in the housing authority are reading on grade level by third grade

 **200**  
CHILDREN SERVED DAILY

## U-ACT

Creating a coalition in Union Parish that will develop and implement a 5-year plan to address underage drinking and prescription drug abuse

 **12** STUDENT AMBASSADORS

## Mental Health Consultation

Educating teachers and parents on developmentally appropriate practices that foster healthy development

 **3,000**  
CHILDREN SERVED ANNUALLY

# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



## SOS: Signs of Suicide

Helping middle school students to recognize signs of depression and suicide in themselves and others

 **700**  
STUDENTS TRAINED ANNUALLY

## Mapping Adolescent Health

Building a coalition to help identify and meet the reproductive health needs of adolescents

 **1** OUACHITA PARISH

## 4th JDC Youth Services Advisory Board

Hosting the 20-member board dedicated to meeting the needs of youth at risk of entering the foster or justice system

 **2** OUACHITA PARISH MOREHOUSE PARISH

## Ouachita Youth Summit

320 students from 34 schools in Ouachita Parish identified by teachers/counselors join to learn leadership skills and collaborate on youth-led community projects

 **320**  
STUDENT LEADERS

# PARENTING



## Jus4Me

Supporting pregnant and parenting teens at the school site through Nurturing Skills for Teen Parents

 **52**  
PREGNANT TEENS SERVED WEEKLY

## Parenting for All

Providing and supporting ongoing groups of parents, grandparents and fathers throughout the region using evidence-based programs

 **1,612**  
PARENTS TRAINED ANNUALLY

## Foster Support

Working with DCFS to build support for foster families and teens aging out of foster care through parenting and life skills classes at the Family Resource Center.

 **1** NETWORK REGION-WIDE

## Children's Coalition Family Resource Center

Family Resource Center offers Triple P Parenting classes (3-week session) and Family Life Skills for any parent and teens aging of the foster system. Check online for the schedule or call 318-509-8922 for to register.

 **180**  
FAMILIES SERVED





# SAVE THE DATE

## October 3

Founders Day Breakfast  
Kilbourne Hall, Grace Episcopal Church

## October 14

Dia De La Familia  
5PM - 8PM | Lake D'Arbonne State Park

## October 25

Bully Awareness Day/Unity Day

## November 8

Ouachita Youth Summit  
University of Louisiana at Monroe

## December 31

SRTC Deadline

## January 17

Ribbon Cutting  
117 Hall Street

## March 5 - 9

Pre-School Roundup for Morehouse Parish,  
Richland Parish, Ouachita Parish and  
Monroe City Schools

## April 28

Family Day in the Park  
10AM - 3PM | Forsythe Park

## April 28

National Prescription Take Back Day

## May 12

Dragon Boat Races  
Loop Road and Forsythe Ave

## June 2

Summer Spectacular  
West Monroe Convention Center

# ONGOING EVENTS AT THE CHILDREN'S COALITION

## Child Care Connections

**Child Care Connections** provides weekly 2-hour classes that are free to most early childhood educators and available for a small fee to anyone interested in early childhood care and education. Check the online schedule for weekly classes or call for a quarterly calendar.

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Early Head Start Super Saturdays

Everyone is welcome to drop in and clean up one of the three Early Head Start playgrounds the third Saturday of every month from 9AM to 12PM. Sign up on our website at [www.childrenscoalition.org/early-head-start](http://www.childrenscoalition.org/early-head-start).

## Early Head Start Rock-N-Read

Are you ready to make a commitment? Volunteer to "rock and read" to our infants and toddlers 1 to 2 hours a month. Background check provided. Call 318-450-3398 for more information.

## Family Resource Center Parents As Leaders (PALs)

Join us at the Family Resource Center to become part of a peer parent support network for foster and biological parents involved with DCFS. Call 318-509-8922 for information.



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