





Creating communities where children and families thrive.



2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MISSION

The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana is dedicated to creating communities where children and families thrive. We address the needs of children and youth ages 0–18 in four main areas: Early Childhood, Parenting, Healthy Living, and Youth Development.

HOW WE SERVE

Headquartered in Downtown Monroe, we serve the northeast region of Louisiana. With over 20 programs, we focus on providing services that educate, advocate, and care for the children and the adults who care for them. Our programs include Early Head Start, which provides quality child care for children from birth through age three. Child Care Connections help parents find quality child care, as well as provides pro-active based coaching and training to child care providers throughout the year. Al's Pals teaches preschool children the social-emotional and resiliency skills to make healthy choices. Signs of Suicide is vital now more than ever to help middle school students recognize signs of depression and suicide in not only themselves but others around them. Students, teachers, school nurses, and community members are also trained to recognize signs and concerns in students and youth. Our Family Resource Centers provide families in the Department of Children and Family Services and foster care system with family skill building and visit coaching to help reunite families. Union Parish Alliance for Community Transformation selects ambassadors to draw awareness and a plan to address underage drinking and prescription drug abuse in Union Parish.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer with us during Super Saturday, held the third Saturday of each month. In addition to cleaning our Early Start playgrounds, volunteers can also enjoy helping with the activities in the Origin Bank Family Garden intended to promote positive family interactions, garden-based learning, healthy living, art and movement. Your financial gift is ESSENTIAL to helping us respond to our community when support is most needed. Your commitment allows us to continue underfunded programs like Signs of Suicide, Nurturing Fathers, Youth Development and Healthy Living.

OWN A LOUISIANA BUSINESS?

Did you know you can designate your state tax dollars to stay and be used in Northeast Louisiana? The School Readiness Tax Credit (SRTC) is the ideal way to invest in the future of your community. Businesses with a Louisiana Tax ID can receive a dollar-for-dollar refundable tax credit in any amount up to \$5,000. You have the power to decide to direct your tax dollars into programs that support early child care.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We encourage you to join our mailing list and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to mark your calendars for events like The Children's Coalition Dragon Boat Festival, Super Saturday in the Family Garden, National Prescription Take Back Days and so much more.

You can find information on our website: www.childrenscoalition.org



LISA KIPER

Board of Directors, President

As the board president of the Children's Coalition, reflecting on the past year and the many accomplishments made within our organization is truly remarkable. The efforts and passion of our staff, board, volunteers, and community to continue to collaborate to ensure future success for our children is something we can all be proud of as we look ahead. I am so grateful to everyone for moving forward in our mission to provide environments where children and families thrive.



With over 20 programs within the Children's Coalition, it is crucial that we are constantly learning, assessing, and changing with the environment around us to provide the specific needs in the community we serve. Our organization truly wants the future to be bright and we simply can't provide that light without the past and future contributions from our community partners. Through School Readiness Tax Credits, fundraisers, membership, and volunteering by our friends and partners, our organization can continue to provide vital services that positively impact educational, social, mental, and economic growth.

KRISTIE BARDELL, MPH

Executive Director

Kristie Bardell, Executive Director of Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana (CCNELA), has over 20 years of experience serving as a trailblazer developing and implementing health improvement initiatives throughout Louisiana. Over the course of her career, her passion has been to reduce socioeconomic and health inequalities.



She has led family health initiatives in both the nonprofit and government sector. Ms. Bardell has extensive experience in building capacity around programming, clinical services, community engagement, equity, and policy change to create thriving communities. Kristie brings cross-sector experience to establish practices that promote greater understanding and intersectionality of content, skills, and community. Prior to joining Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana, she worked at Louisiana Public Health Institute to advance strategic direction of the organization by developing national and regional partnerships to influence collective action and further outcomes. She has also worked with the Louisiana Department of Health to improve maternal, infant, and child mortality and morbidity rates by providing statewide leadership to build public health capacity.

Kristie was named an Icon in 2022 by BayouLife Magazine, a panelist in the 2023 ULM Women's Symposium and is a peer-reviewed journal author. Ms. Bardell holds a Masters in Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and a Bachelors of Science in Biology from Xavier University of Louisiana. As a native of Louisiana and passionate strategist, she continues to carve a pathway for all.



EARLY HEAD START

231 Children served 132 Funded enrollment

D7 Pregnant moms served 4 Average of families on waiting list

196 Families served 142 Parent Volunteers

OO Average monthly enrollment 105 Community Volunteers

HEALTH SERVICES

93%. Children up to date on receiving dental exam

76%. Children up to date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment exam

79% Children up to date on Immunization



EDUCATION & DISABILITIES

13% Children with disabilities served

92% Children who are at or above development by end of the year

ANCILLARY TEACHING CERTIFICATE

200 Ancillary teaching certificates awarded

The Ancillary Teaching Certificate course is a state funded 7-month hybrid training program to earn professional credentials for teachers in early learning centers who have obtained (at minimum) their CDA credential.







CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS

190 Child care sites

1,076 Coaching sessions delivered

4,022 Training sessions for early childhood teachers

136 Child care trainings provided

182 Child care referrals completed

LEAD AGENCY AND READY START NETWORKS

5 Parishes served

Ol Early childhood program partners

849 CLASSroom observations

4,916 Publicly funded children served (based on child count)

312 Developmental play kits distributed

634 Children matched to child care center using Early Childhood Guide

PRESCHOOL EXPANSION CLASSROOMS

20 Pre-K children served at Downsville Community Charter School





SCHOOL READINESS GOALS

Approaches To Learning

Goal I: Children will demonstrate attentiveness, motivation, and creativity while exploring their surroundings.

Goal 2: Children will demonstrate persistence and reasoning to reach a specific goal.

Social And Emotional Development

Goal I: Children will develop and engage in positive relationships and interactions with peers/adults.

Goal 2: Children will learn and establish ways to recognize and positively manage their emotions and behaviors.

Language And Communication

Goal I: Children will engage and increasingly understand physical and verbal communication from others.

Goal 2: Children will progress in their ability to physically and verbally communicate to others.

Goal 3: Children will show interest and knowledge of the sounds and patterns of the spoken and written language.

Cognition

Goal I: Children will gain understanding about mathematical approaches as they explore the environment.

Goal 2: Children will gain understanding of the objects and people in their environment, how they work, how change happens, and being able to make connections between new and old information through all senses.

Perceptual, Motor, And Physical Development

Goal I: Children will develop skills for large muscles of arms and legs through balance, movement, and manipulation of objects.

Goal 2: Children will develop controlled skills for small muscles of fingers and hands through exploring and using objects in the environment.



The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana is proud to be the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for our region!

SCHOOL READINESS TAX CREDITS

WHAT ARE THEY?

- Dollar-for-Dollar refundable tax credit on Louisiana state taxes
- Up to \$5,000 per Louisiana Tax ID, with no minimum amount
- Laws passed in 2007 and effective in 2008 (La. Rev. Stat.47:6107)
- Designed to support quality child care and education
- Re-directing tax dollars locally as an investment in our children
- Only Louisiana Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies can receive the money
- The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana is the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for our region

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All Louisiana owned businesses are eligible. A business is defined as any forprofit or not-for-profit entity and includes sole proprietors (so long as the individual is not acting in his/her personal capacity), partnerships, limited liability corporations and corporations.

WHY SHOULD YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Companies can donate up to \$5,000 and get it back as a credit against that company's state income taxes or as a direct rebate from the state treasury. Companies with multiple tax ID numbers can donate up to \$5,000 for each corporation.*

*If your business' state return flows through your personal state return, \$5,000 is the maximum allowed per personal state return.

SCHOOL READINESS TAX CREDIT IMPACT IN 2022-2023

- 24 Child Care Centers received curriculum for their classrooms
- 22 Child Care Centers received field trips to promote educational learning
- 3 New Child Care Directors trained
- 77 Teachers & Leaders Inspired at Early Childhood Refresher Conference

MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION

Tulane Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Mental Health Consultants provide education, training and resources on developmentally appropriate behavior for children in the classroom. Children are observed and screened to ensure centers are equipped with the best tools and techniques for healthy educational environments. Consultants serve centers across 12 parishes.

In the classroom, Mental Health Consultants:

- · Make referrals to parents based on a child's individual needs
- · Provide milestone resources to parents for understanding child development
- · Follow up with children, parents, and teachers for recommendations made
- · Recommend techniques for reducing stress and resolving conflict
- · Model how to address unacceptable behavior in a constructive way
- · Demonstrate how to redirect and move forward after classroom altercations

To assist educators, Mental Health Consultants:

- · Observe classroom dynamics and offer fresh perspective on improvements
- · Model how to approach families about delays and behavioral concerns
- · Interact with parents to address progression and delay questions
- · Offer resources for foster families regarding children dealing with trauma

252 Total center visits 3,133 Children enrolled at centers served

54 Referrals completed 57 Childcare centers served

50 Parent meetings held 23 Family care centers served

AL'S PALS: KIDS MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES

Teaching preschool children skills needed to make healthy choices in Ouachita, Morehouse, Union, Franklin, and Downsville charter schools.

5 Parishes

6 Classrooms receiving service

3,210 Children receiving lessons 2x per week for a year



U-ACT: UNION PARISH ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Working as a Coalition in Union Parish to develop and implement a five year plan to address underage drinking, and prescription drug abuse while helping teens make proud choices. U-ACT is proud to partner with several entities in Union Parish.



4 Student ambassadors graduated Class of 2023





FAMILY GARDEN AT THE CHILDREN'S COALITION

Given the growing nutrition challenges among America's youth, engaging children in healthy eating early in life is essential. The Origin Bank Family Garden at the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana, is a 32 raised bed demonstration garden that offers learning opportunities to children and families in our community in an effort to promote life long health and wellness. Children can engage in the multisensory interactive environment to observe, discover, experiment, nurture and learn.



THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE SHARED WITH:

- Five Early Head Start Centers
- 20 Area Child Care Centers
- Monthly Little Gardener Sessions
- Community Super Saturday Events
- Field Trips for area Pre K/Kindergarten children





HYGIENE CLOSETS

1,000+ Students in Junior High/Middle schools throughout Ouachita Parish and Monroe City Schools were provided with personal hygiene products.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

8th annual gathering of nominated junior high and high school students as well as education professionals from area public, private and parochial schools learned leadership skills and discussed topics ranging from healthy choices, social media safety, bullying, suicide and more.

SOS: SIGNS OF SUICIDE

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

5,000 Teens trained on how to recognize the signs of depression and suicide

900 Staff, teachers, school nurses and community members trained to recognize the signs in students and youth

200+ ULM Nursing and Occupational Therapy students trained to recognize the signs in students in youth

SCHOOLS SERVED

- Neville Junior High
- Neville High School
- Ouachita Parish Junior High
- Carroll Junior High
- East Ouachita Middle School
- West Ridge Middle School

- MLK Junior High
- Woodlawn Junior High
- Sterlington Middle School
- St. Fred's Middle School
- St. Fred's High School



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Family Resource Center provides parenting, family skills building, and concrete services to help reunite families in the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and foster care systems, offer preventive strategies for non DCFS families, and share resources with families in need.



A Program of the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana

- 465 Referrals
- 1084 Individuals served
- 549 Children served
- Nurturing Parents Program (NPP) participants
- 5 Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) participants
- 12 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) participants
- 221 Family Skills Building (FSB) participants





3-D Properties **Entergy Louisiana** First Baptist Agape Sunday School Class Alpa Patel First Baptist Church Amy Clancy Annmarie Sartor Fleet Feet Ashlev Gilbert FMOL Health System Assurance Financial Group Friends of Friday Ellis Blue Cross Blue Shield-LA Health Boles Shafto LLC Brian P Bowes, A Professional Law Corp

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SCHOOL READINESS TAX CREDITS



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2022-2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>ASSETS</u>	June 30. 2023	June 30 2022
Cash	\$3,113,560	\$2,540,561
Accounts Receivable	\$957,806	\$1,140,299
Prepaid Expenses	\$43,673	\$33,391
Furniture and Equipment	\$347,164	\$389,726
Other Assets	\$469,534	\$8,925
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,931,737	\$4,112,902
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$119,477	\$98,603
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	\$8,842	\$5,491
Deferred Revenue	\$119,649	\$357,659
Lease Liability	\$460,609	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$708,577	\$461,753
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
Undesignated	\$1,922,881	\$1,739,679
Designated by the Board for operating reser	ve \$350,000	\$350,000
Total net assets without donor restrictions	\$2,272,881	\$2,089,679
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
Support for program activities	\$1,950,279	\$1,561,470
Total net assets with donor restrictions	\$1,950,279	\$1,561,470
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$4,223,160	\$3,651,149
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$4,931,737	\$4,112,902



Support Us!

Your gift helps to support programs that create communities where children and families thrive.

School Readiness Tax Credit

Louisiana businesses can receive a dollar-for-dollar refundable tax credit on Louisiana state taxes up to \$5,000.

For more information, contact srtc@childrenscoalition.org

We serve the northeast region of Louisiana which includes the following parishes:

Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

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