**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Children’s Coalition Early Head Start
Providing quality child care for children from birth through age three at 5 centers & 2 partner sites in Ouachita Parish

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

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

Kids 1st Morehouse
Connecting systems that impact families to create improved developmental outcomes for children ages 0-3

Pre-K Expansion
Oversight of one high-quality Pre-K classroom in a child care setting in conjunction with Monroe City Schools & one classroom with Union Parish Schools

Ancillary Teaching Certificate
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 in Jackson, Ouachita, Morehouse, Union, Franklin and Monroe City Schools

Bully Proof
Anti-bullying campaign focused on educating parents, students and teachers on how to be proactive in preventing negative behaviors

U-ACT
A Drug Free Communities coalition in Union Parish that addresses underage drinking and prescription drug abuse including two National Prescription Take-Back Days

Mental Health Consultation
Educating teachers + parents on developmentally appropriate practices that foster healthy development

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

SOS: Signs of Suicide
Helping middle school students to recognize signs of depression and suicide in themselves and others

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

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

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

Love 146: Not a #Number
Child sex trafficking and exploitation prevention curriculum for middle school students

**PARENTING**

MORE4U
Supporting pregnant and parenting teens in Union + Morehouse Parishes through Nurturing Skills for Teen Parents

Family Resource Center
Offering Triple P Parenting classes (3-week session), Family Life Skills for any parent and teens aging out of the foster system and Nurturing Parenting classes (12-week session)

Time to Talk
A monthly print & bi-monthly radio segment bringing accurate and appropriate information from state and local experts about issues that affect children, so parents can understand and communicate with and about them

Family Garden
25 raised-bed garden and outdoor learning center open every 3rd Saturday of the month promoting healthy eating, positive family interactions and garden-based learning and play

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