



A PROGRAM OF THE CHILDREN'S COALITION FOR NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Ready Start Morehouse is a community coalition comprised of publicly funded early care and education programs including; childcare, Head Start and school system programs committed to creating and implementing a bold local vision for early childhood. We are driven by the unique needs of the community to improve access to quality early care and education for our communities' youngest learners.

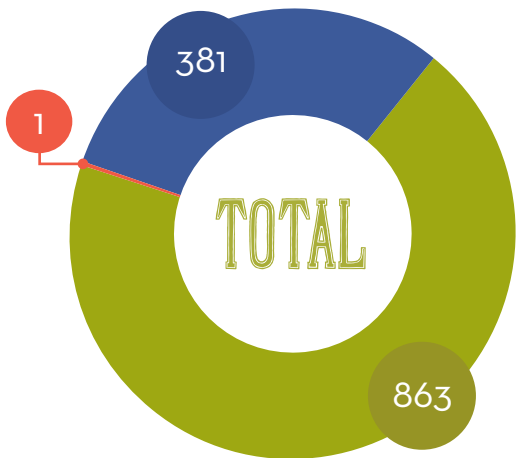
The future of Morehouse Parish is dependent on the success of its children. Together we have an opportunity to transform the future of our parish in one generation. As a community we have a shared responsibility to support the workforce of today while preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

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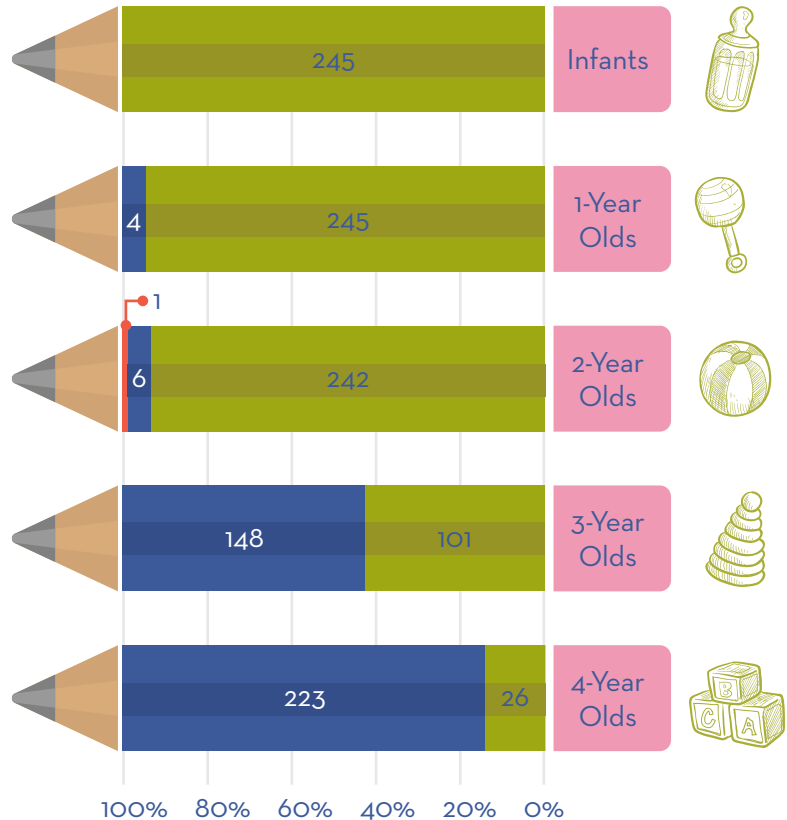
of Infant & Toddlers in 2019-2020 **had access to quality early care** and education programs.

Investing in Infants and Toddlers is key to the success of our community today and tomorrow.

Percent of Children in Morehouse Parish Enrolled in Quality Programs – 2019-2020



■ Served in High-Quality Programs
■ Served in Low-Quality Programs
■ Unserved



READY START'S FOCUS STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

STATEMENT: Greater potential for our youngest learners.

PURPOSE: Prepare the current and the future workforce by making quality early care and education accessible to children Birth to 5 and their families, supporting teachers, and increasing knowledge of community members about the value of early childhood.

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| GOAL 1: | IMPROVE QUALITY | of the early care and education opportunities for all early childhood programs |
| GOAL 2: | INCREASE ACCESS | to early care and education opportunities for birth to age three |
| GOAL 3: | INCREASE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING | for all children enrolled in early care and education programs |

90% of brain development occurs by a child's 4th birthday.
Early Childhood is the time to make the most out of a critical period of human development.

