



A Program of the Children's Coalition
for Northeast Louisiana

Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana School Readiness Tax Credits 2017-2018 CLASS Support Tools Grant

The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana, with the funding obtained from the School Readiness Tax Credits, is offering a grant that will provide Type III Early Learning Centers with CLASS Dictionary/ CLASS Strategy Cards Bundle.

The purpose of this grant is to provide teachers in child care classrooms in Type III Early Learning Centers with kits that will help support teacher-child interactions as related to CLASS tools. The CLASS Dictionary/ CLASS Strategy Cards Bundle includes:

- A flip book that defines and gives examples of each CLASS term to make the CLASS language clear to help with lesson planning or center time.
- Strategy cards with tips to try new ways of effectively interacting with the children in your classroom. Each card is directly related to a CLASS Dimension and a time of day while recommending a specific interaction to try out. This comes with a pack of 20 Infant Strategy cards, 20 Toddler Strategy cards, and 20 Pre-K Strategy cards.

Eligible Applicants must:

- Currently hold a Type III License as an Early Learning Center from Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).
- Current Academic Approval from Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).
- May not be school system program, Head Start or Early Head Start program.

Applicants will provide the following: (Sets received will be based off the size of the center.)

- **Type III License** as an Early Learning Center from Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).
- A copy of the Early Learning Center's current certificate of **Academic Approval** from the LDOE.
- The director or owner must **complete the grant application and agree to the terms of the grant.**
- Submit the **completed written narrative** attached explaining how the teachers will plan to implement the tools into their daily interactions with the children.

Grant Awards

Center's that are awarded the grant must ensure the following:

- **Assign a designated staff member to receive Technical Assistance who will then support teachers in understanding how to use and implement the tools provided into the classrooms.** This Technical Assistance will be provided to the designated staff member by the Child Care Specialist assigned to the Center.
- The CLASS Dictionary/ CLASS Strategy Cards Bundle will be provided at the time Technical Assistance is provided.

Submit the Grant Application to:

The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana

Attn: Aven Ford

117 Hall Street

Monroe, LA 71201

Email: aford@childrenscoalition.org

Fax: 318-323-1150

Applications may be faxed, however, it is the center's responsibility to confirm receipt.

Due Date: Ongoing Opportunity to Apply until May 31, 2019

Determination Process:

This is a "universal" grant however funds allocated for this grant are limited. Once the funds are exhausted for this grant it will close out. It is the desire of the Children's Coalition to provide Type III centers in our region with the support (through training, materials and coaching) that is needed to succeed in providing children with quality early care and education experiences.

If any required information is not submitted with the application, or if additional information is needed, you will be notified and given 24 hours to submit the required information. If the requested information is not received within 24 hours, consider the grant request terminated.



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Complete this form and attach the following:

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- A copy of the Early Learning Center's current certificate of Academic Approval from the LDOE.
- Complete the attached narrative of how your teachers will plan to implement the tools into their daily interactions with children.

To Be Completed by Child Care Owner/Director

Name of Child Care Owner/Director: _____

Name of Child Care Facility: _____

Address of Facility: _____

Telephone # _____ Email Address _____

License # _____ Licensed Capacity _____

Designated Support Staff Member: _____

Number of Infant Classrooms: _____

Number of Toddler Classrooms: _____

Number of Pre-K Classrooms: _____

**The amount of CLASS Dictionary/ CLASS Strategy Cards Bundles received will be based on center size.

CCR&R Coach _____

I agree to allow the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana CCR&R coach to provide coaching including but not limited to guidance on strategies to promote language, literacy and higher order thinking skills.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

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Director Narrative for CLASS Support Tools

Center Name: _____

Director: _____

Instructions: The Director must write the following narrative

1. Who at your center will train your teachers in understanding how to use the provided tools and how the designated staff member will support the teachers in implementing the use of the tools.
2. Explain in a short paragraph how your teachers will plan to implement the tools provided into their daily interactions with children.