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# Child Care Connections



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## OVERVIEW OF THE CURRICULUM INITIATIVE PROCESS

The Louisiana Department of Education has launched a new Curriculum Initiative to help Type III centers purchase a Tier I curriculum. Centers can get reimbursed for up to 80% of the cost of purchasing curricula (max reimbursement of \$4000 per center)

**A center purchases a Tier I Curriculum.** Your coach is happy to walk you through the process of selecting a curriculum for your program. While we can't recommend any specific program, all of our coaches have received training on the Tier One curriculum and can give you more information about each. You can purchase a maximum of two curriculum kits (one Infant/Toddler and one Pre -K, two infant/toddler kits or two pre-k kits.) **KEEP INVOICE(S) AND DELIVERY RECEIPT(S).**

**The program leader submits an application, assurances, implementation plan and all required documentation to Child Care Connections.** Your coach is happy to walk you through the process. Contact your coach at (318) 323-8775 with any questions you may have.

**Child Care Connections., your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency (CCR&R), reviews your application and submits it to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) for reimbursement on the 15th of each month.**

**The LDE approves the request and reimburses Child Care Connections.** LDE will reimburse centers for 80% of the costs of purchasing up to two curricula, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$4,000 (meaning that the curricula can cost up to \$5,000).

**Children's Coalition for NELA writes your center a check for the approved amount of the reimbursement.** This initiative is new, so it may take up to two months to receive reimbursement. We are committed to working as hard as possible to process applications and payments in a timely fashion. We will also be sure to keep you updated on the status of your application and payment.

**Your center follows up with training and ongoing support to help your teachers implement the curriculum.** Your coach can help you implement a curriculum and develop a plan to support your teachers' professional development!

Submit your complete application by the first of each month to [aclancy@childrenscoalition.org](mailto:aclancy@childrenscoalition.org)

Contact your Child Care Connections Team at (318) 323-8775.

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