

READY START NATCHITOCHES (RSN) BLUEPRINT SUMMARY

Early Investment

Natchitoches Parish Early Childhood Network has 20 Early Childhood sites, 6 public schools, 9 private pay Type III childcare centers, and 5 Head Start sites. The most rapid period of development in life happens in children's earliest years. It is critically important for parents, family members, teachers, and the community to unite and support young children and families.



Vision: By working together as a community, our children will grow, learn, and reach their full potential.

Mission: Ensure our community understands and supports a system of high-quality and sustainable early childhood education to develop a foundation for life-long learning.

GOALS:

- 1. Increase community awareness about the importance of high-quality early childhood care and education by the end of the 2023 2024 academic year.
- 2. Increase birth 3-year-old seats from 29% TO 59% by 2024-2025 school year to ensure families have easy access to affordable, high-quality child care and education.
- 3. Achieve and maintain retention rates among birth- 4-year-old child care professionals of at least 90% or higher by 2023-2024.
- 4. By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, 60% of Early Childhood sites will receive Proficient or higher in Instructional Support and/or Engaged Support for Learning domain(s).