



## Partnerships in Child Care

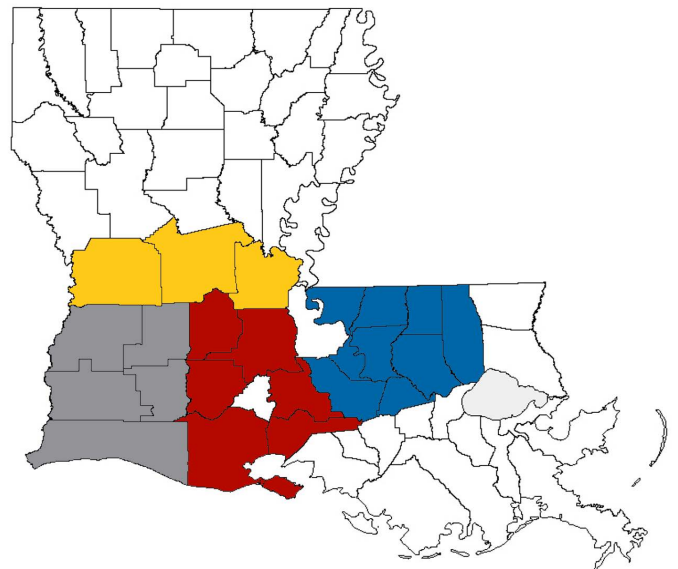
Our early childhood division provides education and support for teachers and parents of children from birth to age five.

**“Investing in early childhood education is one of the best investments we can make towards Louisiana’s future”**

Since 1996, Volunteers of America's Partnerships in Child Care programs have provided support for child care providers and parents of children from birth to age five.

We work to increase the quality of early childhood care and education to prepare young children with the skills they need to enter Kindergarten ready to learn by providing teacher education and resources; nurturing children’s physical, social and cognitive development; and referring parents to quality care.

Partnerships in Child Care is a Child Care Resource and Referral agency and works continuously with more than 300 preschools, child care centers and family child care providers in 24 parishes throughout South Louisiana. Parishes include: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Livingston, Rapides, St. Helena, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana.



### Partnerships in Child Care Locations



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## Program Services

### **Specialized Teacher Training**

We offer continuing education opportunities for teachers and administrators of child care centers, pre-K programs, Head Start programs and family child care, to increase these professionals' understanding of how to promote early childhood development successfully.

### **Coaching and Technical Assistance for Teachers**

We provide on-site, one-on-one coaching to and technical assistance on how to implement training and other best practice principles successfully and how to use learning materials to promote children's growth effectively.

### **Teacher Institute**

Our step-by-step teacher preparation program consists of a 9-month curriculum with 135 clock hours of coursework, coaching and applied practice designed to support the state's requirement that all teachers receive their Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate.

### **Teacher Resource Center**

Our resource center is housed at our Partnerships in Child Care office and provides assistance and materials for teachers to use to enrich and enhance their classroom environments, including a library of books and training materials, die-cuts, lamination, poster printers and other resources.

### **Referral and Child Development Resources for Parents**

As a state-designated Resource and Referral Agency, we help parents find quality child care and by providing referrals to licensed child care centers and family child care providers in their area. We also support parents by providing child developmental milestone information.

### **Project PlaySmart**

Funded with LA School Readiness Tax Credit donations, this program allows eligible early learning centers to apply for a classroom makeover award. To date, we have awarded more than 30 classroom and outdoor play area makeovers to early learning centers in need!

### **The Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

We have teamed up with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library with the help of corporate sponsors, grants and individual donors to provide children, birth to age five, with a free high-quality age-appropriate book mailed directly to their home each month, no matter their family's income.

### **Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery**

We provide emergency preparedness trainings, emergency kits and other resources for child care centers and family child care providers to support best practice emergency procedures. We provide respite services to families and children in emergency shelters, disaster recovery grants and critical services and support to help centers rebuild and reopen quickly following emergencies.