

INCREASING ACCESS TO QUALITY

The City Seats pilot integrates comprehensive services and resources into traditional childcare settings creating new opportunities to improve outcomes for infants, toddlers, and their families.

Six centers, one from each City Council District, were selected to participate in the program. All centers had at least a Proficient rating for the 2018-2019 program year.

THE NEED

Over 30,000 children under age 5 live below the poverty line in Orleans Parish. The number of children who qualify for subsidized birth to 3 child care seats far exceeds the number of seats available.



Only 1 in 6 high need infants and toddlers have access to care in New Orleans

THE CITY'S RESPONSE

The Mayor of New Orleans and the New Orleans City Council allocated \$750,000 for the creation of 50 new seats in quality childcare centers across the city. Children 3 years and younger from economically disadvantaged backgrounds were prioritized for enrollment. the New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN) administers the program.

50 infant and toddler seats created



MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY DOLLAR

The City Council allocated \$750,000 to the City Seats program. NOEEN leveraged these funds to secure an additional \$350,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to provide ancillary supports to childcare centers, children, and families.

All City Seats childcare centers participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) providing an estimated \$36,000 in additional funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. CACFP funds are used to provide healthy breakfast, lunch, and snacks to children enrolled in the program.

Allocation of City Funds



\$350k

Secured from W.K. Kellogg Foundation to provide ancillary supports \$150k

Training Grounds for professional development and parent training

\$75k

Tulane
Education Fund
for infant and
early childhood
mental health
services

\$50k

*Balance is attributed to indirect costs

Human
Development
Center for
program
evaluation

\$50k

Agenda for
Children for
program
management
and operations

ACCESS





COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

CITY SEATS OUTCOMES

- Created 50 publicly funded seats for children birth to three years of age
- Distributed seats across all districts to create opportunities for families across the city
- Maintained high levels of enrollment (97%) and attendance (78%)
- Established a seat rate (\$1,000/month) that supports low child-teacher ratios and small group sizes
- Provided 17 hours of professional development to 68 teachers
- Supported social emotional development by providing 111 site visits by a Mental Health Consultant
- Improved quality of instruction through 215 hours of individualized mentor coaching for teachers
- Provided hearing, vision, and developmental screening and referrals for children
- Conducted child progress monitoring through participation in statewide early childhood checkpoints
- Created parent learning opportunities to support parenting confidence and competence