

Human Development Center
Quarterly Agency Report to the DD Council
(January - March, 2019)

UPDATE/PROGRESS ON AGENCY INITIATIVES

HDC has 3 initiatives across the areas of **Early Childhood, K-12 Education, and Employment/Transition/Community (TEC)**.

Early Childhood IA Update

Community Collaboration

- Collaborating with **EarlySteps** to develop training for child care teachers and early intervention providers
- Participating in **Ready Start** pilot funded by LDoE to support early childhood community networks
- Collaborating with UAMs to develop a rural clinic

Access to Quality

- Developed initial presentations and report evaluating NOEED City Seats Pilot
- Worked with Early Childhood Commission to develop legislative report “LA Birth to 3”

Evidence-Based Practices

- Provided clinical experience in diagnosing Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) to 11 LEND trainees who participated in the ASD Clinic.
- Hosted Lunch & Learn training on Classroom Supports for Students with Hearing Impairments
- Hosted Lunch & Learn on Communicating with Clients with ASD
- Coordinated over 30 hours of technical assistance to child care providers on quality inclusive practices and family support
- Presented on importance of developmental screening to the National Governors Association

K-12 Initiatives Area Update

Louisiana Autism Spectrum and Related Disorders Project (LASARD) Julie Riley, Coordinator

- LASARD hosted four webinars this quarter, including *The Matrix and Beyond: Embedding Individualized Instruction* (2/17/19), *Taming the Data Monster* (2/21/19), and *Countdown to Smooth Transitions* (3/14/19).
- LASARD was invited by Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans (a French immersion charter school) to present to their staff on strategies for working with students with ASD and related disabilities on March 1st. Many teachers are native French speakers, and LASARD collaborated with their staff to translate some

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materials into French. Over 45 staff attended. LASARD also presented for Inspire NOLA charter network on March 8th.

- LASARD has been invited by Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans to present two webinars to FHF staff to build their capacity statewide. The topics of the webinars are writing IEP goals and planning for inclusion using the Louisiana Connectors. These webinars will take place in March and April.
- LASARD facilitators also presented many workshops to partner districts on topics such as teaching social interaction to students with ASD and everyday ABA strategies. Planned March workshops include visual strategies, teaching self-determination, reinforcement strategies, and annual transition supports. LASARD is also collaborating with one of our partners, ReNEW Schools, to present an overview of strategies for students with ASD to parents of students.
- LASARD facilitators also continued regular technical assistance visits and team meetings with partner districts.

Louisiana Deaf-Blind Project (LA D-BP) – Dr. Michael Norman & Dr. Rose Angelosi

- 02/27/2019: Functional Vision Assessment – St. Bernard Parish Schools
- 02/27/2019: LEND Capstone mentor –

Targeted Technical Assistance:

- 01/22/2019: Guest lecture for LSUHSC Dept of Occupational and Physical Therapy
- 01/23/2019: Lecture – New Orleans Adolescent Reproductive Health Project
- 01/24/2019: Lecture – New Orleans Adolescent Reproductive Health Project
- 02/04/2019: Faculty Monitor – Team Up
- 02/07/2019: Lecture – New Orleans Adolescent Reproductive Health Project

Intensive Technical Assistance:

- 01/10/2019 : Collegiate Academies at Carver High School
- 01/16/2019: Collegiate Academies at Carver High School
- 01/11/2019 : Late Effects Clinic- CHNO
- 02/22/2019 : Collegiate Academies at Livingston Jr. High School
- 01/31/2019: Collegiate Academies at Carver High School
- 02/14/2019: Late Effects Clinic – CHNO
- 02/19/2019: Collegiate Academies at Carver High School

Universal Technical Assistance:

- Eight OHOA Training Classes conducted
- 02/28/2019 LEND Lunch N Learn lecture-ADA and Children with Neurodevelopment Disabilities
- 03/19/2019: Exhibitor – Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing EXPO, Calcasieu Parish Schools

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Louisiana School Psychology Internship Consortium (LAS*PIC)

Six interns continue their internship year (2018-19). You will recall interns work Tuesday through Friday each week in their school placements as certified school psychologists. Interns are completing a rotation with Early Start in metropolitan New Orleans.

Despite more than 50 vacancies for school psychologists state-wide, no funding was identified to support continuation of LAS*PIC for the 2019-20 school year. No school psychology interns were recruited for the coming school year. The number of unfilled positions in Louisiana for school psychologists is expected to increase.

Transition, Employment & Community (TEC) Update

Postsecondary Apprenticeship for Youth (Pay Check) Pilot – Transferring the Pilot model from a TPCA to an LRS CRP Vendor. Currently have 5 continuing students enrolled from Jefferson Parish Schools System, Inspire NOLA and Jefferson Chamber Foundation Academy in the pilot and 4 new students to enroll in Jan, 2019. Eleven students are on the waiting list for entry in May, 2019.

Pay Check Partners include: LRS/LWC, Delgado CC, UMC-New Orleans, Jefferson Parish Public School System, Inspire NOLA, Collegiate and Jefferson Chamber Foundation Academy.

HDC is still working through the details to providing evidence-based, best practice Career Pathways services to students using this new funding model and LRS Guidance and rates.

Received contract and funding approval for 20 new Pay Check students. Expect to enroll all 20 students by June 30, 2019

Benefits Planning Services

HDC provides Louisiana Benefits Planning Services (LA-BPS) through a SSA-WIPA RFA to all Louisiana SSA recipients. Rose Angelocci, Donald Leger and Sue Killam are the CWICs for the HDC WIPA services.

Supported Employment Training and Technical Assistance

- Louisiana awarded new EFSLMP Vision Quest grant as well as a CORE grant for Capacity Building and Provider Transformation respectively.

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- HDC attended several EFSLMP Vision Quest/Employment work group calls and will attend a Jan ODEP “kick-off” meeting at the Department of Labor in Washington, DC.
- HDC staff attended LRC meeting January 25, 2018
- Provided two CORE (3 day) Employment Training to CRPs, and six one-day employment trainings

Other Employment Initiatives

1. The DOL – Employment and Training Administration Youth Build proposal due September 18, 2018 that was submitted past the deadline will be re-submitted in the spring of 2019 once the EFO is published from the fed.

HDC continues to work with some of the local partners to identify and secure funding for this proposal. And has met with the Jefferson Parish Workforce assets such as schools, playgrounds, and community centers. If awarded, grant begins January, 2019.

2. HDC re-submitted an invited proposal to provide regional facilitation, mentoring and technical assistance, and training for a LA Statewide CMS Non-Residential Settings Transformation Sept 13, 2018. Expected start date: Dec, 2018/Jan, 2019.