



**LSU Human Development Center
Activities Report, 1st Quarter 2020**

Early Childhood Initiatives:

- Enhance Collaboration
 - HDC is collaborating with the New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN) and 15 childcare centers to implement a developmental screening pilot
 - HDC was funded by the DDC to provide training in inclusive childcare and develop communities of practice in St. Tammany, Lafayette, and Shreveport
- Increase Access to Quality Services
 - HDC partner sites were recognized on the LDE Honor Roll for providing high quality instruction for children birth to three. All sites are inclusive, with 15% of enrollment in HDC partner classrooms reserved for children with IFSPs.
- Promote Use of Evidence Based Best Practice
 - HDC provided quality inclusive childcare for 230 children
 - HDC presented 4 years of data on developmental screening in childcare at a national conference
 - HDC provided training on best practices in developmental screening, sensory screening, and ASD diagnosis to over 100 students and professionals

K-12 Initiatives:

- Enhance Collaboration
 - K-12 Initiatives has collaborated with the St. Bernard Autism Society, Families Helping Families of Jefferson, and the Autism Society to provide training and/or outreach to families.
 - LASARD has provided training and job-embedded coaching with 18 school districts across the state and 5 charter networks in New Orleans.
- Increase Access to Quality Services
 - In addition to training at specific schools and districts, LASARD provided training to 74 teachers and administrators at open trainings on quality classroom supports for students with disabilities in Natchitoches, New Iberia, and New Orleans.
- Promote Use of Evidence Based Best Practice
 - HDC awarded OSEP grant: Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel Serving Children with Disabilities Who Have High Intensity Needs.

- LASARD presented at the Gulf Coast Applied Behavior Analysis Conference and Click or Treat: Content Needs Accessibility conference sponsored by the Louisiana Accessible Education Materials (LA-AEM) Center.

Transition, Employment, and Careers Initiatives:

- Enhance Collaboration
 - Postsecondary Apprenticeship for Youth (Pay Check) – LRS Vendor and JPPSS MOU contracted – Currently there are 24 students from Orleans and Jefferson Parish Schools System in the program. Pay Check Partners LRS/LWC, Delgado CC, Ochsner, University Medical Center (UMC), Orleans Parish school charter and Jefferson Parish Public School System, NEXXUS, GNO Inc., and Lucid. HDC recently received contract approval for 2019-2020 for 20 new students from JPPSS.
 - HDC attends Employment First State Leadership Mentoring (EFSLMP) - Vision Quest and CORE Employment work group calls and meetings
 - HDC Employment Staff attends LRC meetings as LRC member
 - HDC staff active on the national APSE Public Policy committee and attend 3rd Friday monthly meetings which have focused primarily on the subminimum wage certificates
 - HDC employment staff active in the new ODEP VOICE (Visionary Opportunities to Increase Competitive Employment) application
 - HDC Employment Staff attends the State as Model Employer (SAME) meetings as scheduled.
 - HDC employment staff attends Louisiana APSE governing board meetings and member meetings
 - Senior employment staff working on an Employment First Executive Order and related Legislative policy framework.
 - HDC employment staff invited to sit on the JPHSA Advisory Council Employment Sub Committee
- Increase Access to Quality Services
 - HDC provides Louisiana Benefits Planning Services (LA-BPS) through a SSA-WIPA RFA to all Louisiana SSA recipients who reside within the LSUHSC HDC catchment area. HDC supports SSDI and SSI beneficiaries with disabilities by providing work incentives planning and assistance services to support beneficiaries in their efforts to acquire, retain, and increase meaningful employment and improve financial independence. The focus of the services are to provide proactive guidance to beneficiaries to ensure full access to work incentives, support accurate and timely reporting to reduce the size or likelihood of benefit overpayments and to offer information and support needed for beneficiaries to access services to make a successful transition to employment. These services are provided at no cost to the beneficiary throughout the state. The HDC averages 30-35 referrals each month and provides Information and referral to all beneficiaries and individualized benefits planning for those who are employed or considering employment.

- Promote Use of Evidence Based Best Practice
 - Provided one CORE (3 day) Employment Training to CRPs, and three one-day employment trainings
 - Developing Customized Employment training opportunities
 - HDC Employment staff (3) attended August two-day IPS SE training in New Orleans at HDC
 - Employment staff provided a poster session presentation at the national AUCD conference in November.