

Blueprint Template - Super App

Introduction

The St. James Parish Early Childhood Community Network was formed in 2014 and consist of the St. James Parish School Board Universal PK 4-year-old program, St. James Parish School Board Head Start 3-year-old program, Kid's World Learning Academy, Woods Learning Academy and Bright Minds Learning Academy. St. James Parish is unique in that it has the Mississippi river running through the parish dividing the parish in two. Areas in the parish are mostly rural and are known by community names of West Bank and East Bank. The SJPECCN has three schools on the West Bank that service 3 and 4- year-old children and two Child Care Centers that serves 0-3-year-old children. On the East Bank the network has two schools that service 3 and 4 -year-old children and one Child Care center that serves 0-3- year - old children. When looking at our Kindergarten At- Risk Cohort, about 69.5 % of our Kindergarten students are disadvantaged and 30 % have special needs; thus, alerting the network of the urgency to serve as many 0-5 year old children as possible.

The October 1, 2021 Child Count shows the network serves 1- infant, 8-one-year olds, 6 two -year-olds, 102 3-year- olds and has a Universal program for 4 -year olds which serves 196 students. (All 4-year old children in the district can attend.) The network is currently meeting the needs of at-risk 3 and 4 year old children; however, the network numbers for infants, ones and twos are very low. Thus, serving 0-3 year- olds students is our greatest need.

Our overall classroom quality rating for the network was 5.50 which is in the high proficient range. We are showing growth as a network overall. The network scored in the excellent range for the Emotional Support and Classroom Organization Domain and proficient in the Instructional support domain. There is a need for growth in the Instructional Support Domain to achieve an excellent rating.

Guiding Statements

Vision: The vision of the St. James Parish Early Childhood Community Network is to support all children birth to five with readiness skills to prepare them for Kindergarten and to become life long learners.

Mission: The mission of the St. James Parish Early Childhood Community Network is to provide access for children birth to five to high quality instruction and curriculum which prepares them for Kindergarten.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1: To increase our Early Childhood Network CLASS scores in the Domain of Instructional Support from 4.41 to 5.00 by the year 2023.

- Train teachers from Teachstone vendor on Instructional Support Essentials
- Train Instructional Supervisors and teachers on the use of Myteachstone
- Train staff using the PK CLASS Foundations for Teachers training

Resources:

- Existing: myTeachstone
- Needed: PK CLASS Foundations for Teachers training

Performance Metrics:

The outcome will be measured by Louisiana Early Childhood Performance Profiles.

Goal 2: To increase the number of one -year- olds being served in the St. James Parish Early Childhood Community Network Child Care Centers by 2023.

- Identify Child Care sites that are active participants in our Community Network meetings and trainings as potential sites for birth to three allotted seats from the LDOE
- Give informational flyers to public at school events and church services
- Post information on social media about the potential slots

Resources:

- Existing: Child Care centers in our network
- Needed: Flyers with up to date information

Performance Metrics:

The outcome will be measured by the October and February Child count.

Goal 3: To increase the number of two -year- olds being served in the St. James Parish Early Childhood Community Network Child Care Centers by 2023.

- Identify Child Care sites that are active participants in our Community network meeting and trainings as potential sites for birth to 3 allotted seats from the LDOE.
- Give informational flyers to public at school events and church services
- Post information on social media about the potential slots

Resources:

- Existing: Child Care centers in our network
- Needed: Flyers with updated information

Performance Metrics:

The outcome will be measured by the October and February Child count.