# Louisiana School Readiness Tax Credits

*Successful Support for the Child Care Industry and Early Childhood Education*

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<tr>
<th>Type of Credit</th>
<th>Child Care Expenses (Family)</th>
<th>Provider</th>
<th>Directors &amp; Staff</th>
<th>Business Support</th>
<th>Resource &amp; Referral</th>
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<td>2016 Amount</td>
<td>$2.3 M</td>
<td>$4.8 M</td>
<td>$8.7 M</td>
<td>$371 K</td>
<td>$947 K</td>
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<td># of Recipients</td>
<td>13,338 Families</td>
<td>454 Providers</td>
<td>4044 Directors &amp; Staff</td>
<td>49 Businesses</td>
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<td>Average Per Recipient</td>
<td>$173</td>
<td>$10,655</td>
<td>$2154</td>
<td>$7573</td>
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## How Determined

- Families are eligible for tax credit based upon the quality rating of the center
- Providers receive a tax credit based on center rating and the number of children they serve in CCAP or foster care
- Based on education level (4 levels – CDA (national certification with a high school degree) through a Masters Degree
- Must work at a center in rating system (at least 6 months)
- Star rating does NOT impact this credit
- Employers receive a credit for a percentage of “eligible child care expenses” based on the quality rating of the center (e.g. construction, slots for employees)
- Employers may claim a tax credit for up to $5,000 in grants to child care resource and referral agencies

## Features

- Refundable up to $25,000 in income
- Builds on existing state child care tax credit, from 50 – 200% based on rating and income
- Refundable
- From $750 – 1500 per CCAP child based on star rating
- For-profits and non-profits are eligible
- Refundable
- From $1658-3315 based on education level
- Adjusted annually based on CPI
- Refundable
- Percentage ranges from 5 – 20% based on star rating
- Maximum expense is $50,000 (w/credit as percentage)
- Refundable
- Credit is dollar for dollar
- Maximum is $5,000

Source: LA Department of Revenue