



# 2019 KEY AREAS OF SUCCESS

THE LOUISIANA POLICY INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN

*Our Mission: Advancing policies to ensure that Louisiana's young children are ready for success in school and in life*

## TOUCHING LIVES

**>1,400** new child care assistance seats funded allowing low-income working parents to access subsidies for quality child care for their young children.

**\$3M** in local funding by the city of New Orleans for early care and education, doubling the previous year's allocation.

**\$18.8M** in new statewide funding in Louisiana for early care and education for the first time in a decade.

**\$:\$** **Expansion of the Early Childhood Education Trust Fund**  
We successfully advocated for the increase of a **state-to-local match for investment in early care and education** with new dedicated funding sources.

## CONNECTING POLICY WITH OUTCOMES

### LA Birth to 3 Report

We led the creation and supported the work of the Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Commission, which developed the "LA B to 3" master plan for increasing access to early care and education for **114,000 children in Louisiana**, birth through age three.



## INFORMING DECISION MAKERS

### Prioritizing Our Future Report

Our report detailing **dedicated funding streams for early ed in cities and states nationwide** was included in the appendices of the LA B to 3 master plan and on national websites.

We supported the continued growth of the **Ready Louisiana Coalition** to **mobilize** over 65 business, advocacy and community organizations behind **increased investment** in quality early care and education and to host and expand **Early Ed Day at the Capitol**.

### Cost Modeling Policy Brief

Our policy brief showing the **true cost of quality care** was instrumental in the state board of education's **increasing infant and toddler child care subsidy rates**, and creating an independent and even higher infant rate for the first time.

## RAISING AWARENESS

**131** media pieces including articles, TV and radio interviews, cited data, research and information from the Policy Institute.

### 2019 Elections Advocacy

During the 2019 Louisiana elections, our advocacy efforts resulted in **all candidates for Governor** expressing support for early ed, and the successful candidate, Governor Bel Edwards declaring it as **one of his top priorities**.

### Second Early Ed Week

**Over 120 executives and elected officials** visited early learning centers in **6 communities**.

