



# Louisiana Policy Institute for Children

## Our 2020 Impact

Our research helped Louisiana's child care providers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Over \$40 million granted to providers to reopen or remain open**

and serve children and families during the pandemic. Our research helped direct emergency federal coronavirus relief dollars to child care providers statewide.

We helped more children and families access high-quality early care and education programs.



**Over 24,000 children accessed publicly funded child care**

statewide through Louisiana's Child Care Assistance Program, an 85% increase from October 2019 and the largest number of children served in the past decade.

**Protected \$18.8 million of state funding for early care and education**

in 2020 amid record budget shortfalls. In 2019, our advocacy efforts resulted in an \$18.8 million state appropriation to early care and education.

**New Orleans put \$3 million towards early care and education**

in the 2020 city budget, up from \$0 in the 2017 budget. This investment helped create 276 affordable, quality child care seats for low-income children.

**Federal funds created 650 new seats for infant and toddlers**

in child care programs across the state, beginning in the summer of 2020.

We educated and engaged policymakers, business leaders, and the media about early care and education.



**Convened 200 legislators, business leaders for Early Ed Week,**

which included tours of child care centers located in 7 cities across the state.

**Over 270 mentions of our work in news and media outlets**

from January to November 2020.

**Published and shared 5 reports with over 840 people**

including 2 reports on families and 3 reports on child care providers.

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