

Jackson Parish Early Childhood Network Blueprint

Introduction:

Jackson Parish is a small rural community in northern Louisiana with a population of less than 15,408. In 2020-2021, the site performance profiles rated each site with an overall score and performance rating. The ratings are as follows:

Site Name	Enrollment Number	Overall Score	Performance Rating
Quitman High School	27	6.18	Excellent
Jonesboro Hodge Elementary School	20	5.60	High Proficient
Weston High School	32	5.78	High Proficient
Sharon's Lil Angels Daycare	<10	4.61	Proficient
Union Bee Headstart	57	5.52	High Proficient

Our parish has five pre-kindergarten classrooms, one Head Start, and one daycare center. In 2020-2021, 146 children from birth to age five were served in our community. Currently for 2021-2022, 146 children from birth to five years are being served in our community. The Tier I Creative Curriculum is used in all Jackson Parish pre-kindergarten classes. Frog Street, also a Tier 1 curriculum, is used in Headstart and the daycare center.

Vision: All children will have access to a high quality, developmentally appropriate curriculum to ensure readiness to enter kindergarten.

Mission: To ensure access to a high quality early childhood program for every child in Jackson Parish from birth to age five.

Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Increase community awareness of early childhood programs and the Jackson Parish Child Search Initiative.

- Send informational flyers to all schools, area churches, daycare centers, physician offices, parish library branches.
- Develop an Early Childhood website
- Utilize social media

Resources:

- Existing:
Child search coordinator
Positive relationships with community agencies
- Needed:

Printing/design of flyers

Creation of website

Performance Metrics: Creation of website and creation and distribution of flyers

Goal 2: Increase the birth to age five access to quality early childhood care and education.

- Educate parents and community on the availability of early childhood care and educational programs.
- Identify braiding and grant opportunities to increase services for age five at-risk children.

Resources:

- Existing: Jackson Parish is the lead agency for this network.

Jackson Parish has an educational team to identify students with disabilities and needed supports.
- Needed:

Campaign to reach parents and community about the availability of these programs.

Performance Metrics: All Early Step students will be transitioned to an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) if applicable with all needed supports and services by the fifth birthday. Programs that serve birth to age five will be featured on the Jackson Parish Schools website.

Goal 3: By, 2022-2023, increase the number of centers that provide high quality early childhood care and educational services.

- Professional development will be provided to Head Start and daycare centers.
- All Head Start and centers will have access to the high quality curriculum.
- All Head Start and centers will participate in CLASS observations.

Resources:

- Existing:

Positive relationships with Head Start and centers
CLASS evaluators in place

- High quality curriculum in place
- Needed:

Ongoing professional development

Performance Metrics: Sign in sheets and agendas for all professional development; CLASS observation results.

Goal 4: Increase parental involvement

- Send parental involvement activities
- Parental link to resources and materials on Jackson Parish website

Resources:

- Existing:

Two parental involvement meetings are held each year (virtual or face-to-face)

- Needed:

Website link to connect parents to the lead agency head at the Jackson Parish School Board and the child search coordinator at the Jackson Parish Student Service Center.

Parental involvement activities

Other resource materials

Performance Metrics: Sign in sheets and agendas for all parental involvement meetings (face-to-face or virtual); copies of parental involvement activities