Coordinated Enrollment for Special Programs

Guidance for Parents

Children with Disabilities and Gifted and Talented

Each center/school/ Head Start has general information and contact numbers for Early Steps (birth to 3) and Child Search (3 and older). If a parent suspects a child may need special education services, they should contact Early Steps or Child Search for an appointment. The family follows the regular process to apply, verify income, and enroll.

Early Steps (985) 429-1252
Child Search (985) 690-4423, Slidell
(985) 898-3311, Covington

Children in Foster Care

Brochures are available to inform parents about the resources and benefits available to them. Foster parents should provide documentation from their caseworker showing they are the designated foster parent(s) for the applying child. For Head Start and public school, foster children automatically qualify. Children in Foster care are given priority for CCAP.

English Language Learners

Information about programs and steps to apply, qualify, and enroll are provided in Spanish. Programs communicate through use of translators, bilingual staff and language apps.

Children Experiencing Homelessness

Each site has written guidance on how to support families experiencing homelessness. Each family at every site is provided the Louisiana Residency Questionnaire. If questions 1 and 2 are checked “yes”, the site director/principal will forward the form to the Homeless Liaison with St Tammany Parish Schools and the parent is provided a Kids in Transition (KIT) brochure. The Homeless Liaison contacts the family and determines if they qualify as homeless. They will then automatically qualify for public school and Head Start.