



**CHILDREN'S
COALITION**
For Northeast Louisiana

Creating communities where children and families thrive.



2019 -
2020

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

LEANN BOND
Executive Director



I am extremely grateful for the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana and the radical movement of focusing on the early development of children from all socioeconomic backgrounds that began in this region over 22 years ago. I am grateful for the compassion and support of our partner agencies, our volunteers, our donors, and our Board of Directors. I am grateful for a talented and dedicated staff. And I am grateful for the opportunity to listen and learn as the new Executive Director while the Children's Coalition commits our work to the well-being of all children and families in our community.

Beginning my position with the Coalition on April 1, 2020, I immediately became entrenched in the efforts driven by creating communities where children and families thrive. Even when experiencing many new challenges each passing month, I have witnessed a Coalition standing strong in our commitment that all children and families have access, support, and basic supplies amid so much uncertainty. We met the COVID-19 pandemic head-on with creativity and determination, shifting how we deliver services and establishing protocols to ensure the health and safety of everyone we reach. In addition, recent events across our nation spotlighted how we have fundamentally failed to address long-term problems of racial injustice and discriminatory practices and

prejudices. The Children's Coalition pledged to listen intently while we work for racial equity inside and outside of our organization.

There has been a significant increase in stress due to new uncertainties and fears, and the Coalition is devoted to understanding and adapting the delivery of our much-needed programs. One example can be found in our Family Resource Center (FRC). These supportive services give abused and neglected children a better chance to thrive by strengthening families through evidence-based parenting classes that support the development of healthy and caring behaviors. During the Stay at Home Order, the FRC was one of several Coalition programs that moved completely online serving 12 participants who went on to graduate and receive the Nurturing Parenting Program (NPP) Certificate. The FRC team overcame the obstacles and concerns brought on by the pandemic and continued services while preserving compliance from all participants. This gave each hope in an uncertain time and a willingness to stay on course in attaining their goals.

Through the first two weeks of June, 151 childcare programs across the eleven-parish region received personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies to assist them in reopening their centers. These items were provided by the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Children's Coalition Childcare Connection Resources and Referral (CCR&R) team, with the help of community partners, distributed the equipment and

supplies at six locations across the region. Volunteers from our Origin Bank Family Garden took time on Saturday mornings to hand out free gardening kits to families in our community. This inventive drive-through project promoted healthy eating, positive family interactions, and garden-based learning and play.

We could fill this report with story after story of how the Children's Coalition has worked hard uninterrupted in these tough times, but this report would be too lengthy. Instead, we will share a few accounts that we trust

will reflect who we are and what we do. Now more than ever, we all need security and understanding, and all families should have safe, stable, and nurturing environments to raise their children. Until then, I invite you to join us with your support in making a positive impact in our neighborhoods while we continue our work to create secure and healthy communities where all children and families thrive.

With hope and gratitude,
Leann Bond

CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ
Board President



We are fortunate to take this opportunity to reflect on our recent accomplishments and recognize these successes all thanks to the resilient and passionate staff, board, volunteers, and community, state, and federal partners. Collaboration, mentoring, and hard work has reached new levels and formulated in unique ways, so that together we can help our community thrive. I am so grateful to everyone for moving our mission forward.

Moreover, we had to say good-bye to an incredible leader, Dr. Lynn Clark. Because of her vision and dedication, she was able to solidify the organization's foundation which gave us the strength to be resilient

in uncharted times and address new challenges. Her legacy includes substantial program growth, vital expansion into the northeast region, and swiftness and flexibility to support the ever-changing needs and newly identified gaps in our community.

The search for our next leader was a difficult task. However, the work was worth the effort and we are very excited to have Leann Bond as Executive Director. When first meeting Leann, she gave us confidence that she could create a steady and long-term path forward for the organization. Leann has extensive knowledge, expertise, and charisma that is motivating and energizing. In due time, I look forward to everyone getting to know and extend your support to Leann.

Thanks,
Cynthia Rodriguez



AWARDS



AWARD WINNERS



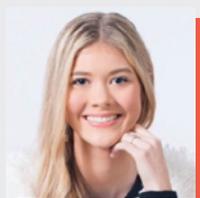
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Sarah & Nathan
Tremaine,
PokeCon



FRIEND OF THE COALITION
Mike Walsworth



SAUL MINTZ EARLY CHILDHOOD CHAMPION
Emily
Williamson
(posthumously)



YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Hallie Winters

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Leann Bond

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Our 32 raised bed family garden opened its gates in the summer of 2018, and we continue to grow our efforts to educate and support healthy living – a key focus area. Research shows that community-based gardens and outdoor learning centers improve mental and physical health, family relationships, dietary intake, and food insecurity. In one study, adult participants increased their daily intake of vegetables by 66% while children increased their intake by over 40%.

In May 2020 a partnership with Origin Bank was established forming the Origin Bank Family Garden at the Children's Coalition. Not only is their financial support important, their employees volunteer through the Project Enrich Program, focusing on improving the community. This support along with the generosity of others in our community enables us to continue this vital program that helps children and families reap many healthy benefits.

Adapting to change, the garden was not open to visitors during the pandemic, but this has not stopped the sharing of our mission. A drive-thru version allowed us to put garden kits in the hands of nearly 200 families in two months, aiding them in starting their own garden at home and providing parenting tips as well as gardening facts to bring the experience full circle. As we continue to adapt, we hope to expand the number of families reached.





GREAXING GARDENS



In March 2019, the Children's Coalition partnered with the LSUAg Center to create "Greaxing Gardens" - a program to establish community gardens at local childcare centers. These centers incorporate the produce from the gardens in their food service, giving the children both healthy food and a greater understanding of where it comes from.

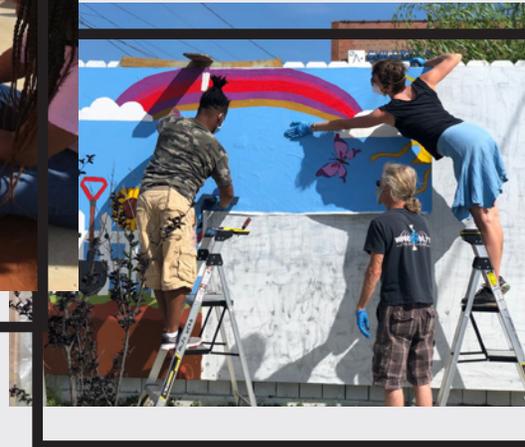
Mindy Layfield of Claiborne Christian Preschool helps care for and use their community garden. According to Layfield, the children take daily time to care for the garden during the school day. These activities include tilling and watering the soil and picking and planting produce.

Currently, Greaxing Gardens includes 20 different childcare centers and are flourishing with assistance from the LSUAg Center, Northeast Louisiana Master Gardeners, 4-H volunteers, and local church and youth groups.

"The garden provides several opportunities to talk and learn about where the food we eat actually comes from, and our hope is that being a part of the growth will encourage the children to try the vegetables too," said Layfield.



#CHILDREN THRIVE MURAL



Art is a crucial piece of child development and allows children and adults alike to express emotion and share experiences. The #Children-Thrive mural was truly a vibrant representation of the Coalition and community we serve. Supported in part by a grant from the Northeast Louisiana Arts Council - with funds from the City of Monroe and the Webb Family - this work of community art was created by Vitus Shell with help from children and families across Northeast Louisiana.

The mural is located at the intersection of Hall and Harrison in Downtown Monroe on the fence that surrounds the Origin Bank Family Garden at the Children's Coalition.

Situated between the Salvation Army Shelter and the Monroe Transit Bus Depot, the art blooms in a desert of abandoned buildings and grey fields.

Families picked up brushes during previous Super Saturdays, and the mural also traveled during the Downtown Art Crawl to allow children to leave their mark. The completed mural celebrates who we are as a community and who we serve as an organization and demonstrates how art can help children thrive.



EARLY HEAD START

Today, 2-year old Artlivina is intelligent, a people-person, independent and curious. She joined our center based Early Head Start program when she was 13 months - not only were her language skills deferred, she was enrolled with Early Steps and receiving assistance to support her language skills. After a year at our Beverly Center, she has shown so much growth that she is no longer receiving services from Early Steps as she continues to accomplish milestones for her age including language and comprehension as well as fine and gross motor skills.

Early Head Start strives to support and engage parents and families of our enrolled children, and Artlivina's mom, Peppernina, began with her goal of obtaining her GED. Taking the first step, she enrolled at Delta Community College and began to seek employment once Artlivina had a safe and happy learning environment.

“Early Head Start has given me a place to feel loved and safe while I work toward obtaining my GED and employment,” says Peppernina. She is currently excelling in her schoolwork and is now happily employed.

Peppernina shares, “I would like to thank the teachers, our Family Service Advocate and all the staff for encouraging, loving and inspiring me to reach my goals.”

- 187** Children served
- 10** Pregnant moms served
- 155** Families served
 - 11** Married & **144** Single
- 105** Average monthly enrollment
- 132** Funded enrollment
- 86** Families on waiting list
- 137** Parents in Parent Involvement Activities Including: policy council, parent committee, volunteer at events, classroom or home visits
- 188** Individual Community Volunteers



PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

SCHOOL READINESS GOALS

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

AGE TWO: Progress in their ability to physically and verbally communicate to others.

AGE THREE: Show interest and knowledge of the sounds and patterns of the spoken and written language.

COGNITION

AGE TWO: Gain understanding of the objects and people in their environment, how they work, how change happens, and being able to make connections between new and old information through all senses.

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

AGE TWO: Demonstrate persistence and reasoning to reach a specific goal.

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AGE TWO: Learn and establish ways to recognize and positively manage their emotions and behaviors.

PERCEPTUAL, MOTOR, & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

AGE TWO: Develop controlled skills for small muscles of fingers and hands through exploring and using objects in the environment.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS LOUISIANA LA Department of Education

Helping parents find quality childcare, providing training, and technical assistance to childcare providers region-wide (11 parishes)

- 80** Foundational learning opportunities + trainings
- 4,633** Training participants, an average of 386 per month
- 788** Targeted technical assistance/coaching sessions
- 104** Childcare referrals

Family Child Care Pilot Program:

- 14** Family Child Care Homes participating
- 45** CLASS or FCCERS observations
- 82** Children served



Mangham Pre-K, Honor Roll recipient for their 18-19 school year performance profiles scores

COMMUNITY NETWORKS Louisiana Department of Education

Working to unify the early childhood system through streamlined program expectations, supporting teachers and Leaders, coordinating enrollment and observations in three parishes: Ouachita, Morehouse, and Richland

- 85**Early Childhood Learning Centers (childcare, LEA, EHS/HS)
- 431**.....CLASS Observations
- 10,000+** ...Parents contacts
- 55** Child Care Directors meet monthly
- 2** Ready Start Networks formed | Richland + Morehouse Parishes :

Ready Start Richland

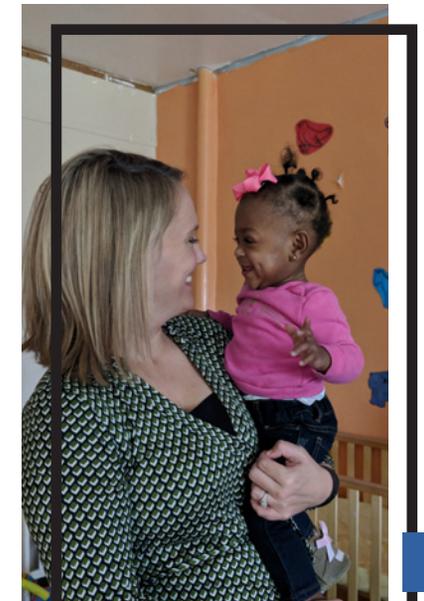
- 11** Network Meetings
- 8** Program Partners
- 437** Publicly funded children served

Ready Start Morehouse

- 11** Network Meetings
- 11** Program Partners
- 312** Publicly funded children served



Ready Start Networks in Richland and Morehouse Parishes were established with \$200,000 in grants from the Louisiana Department of Education to pilot innovative strategies driven by the unique needs of the community to increase access to quality publicly funded early care and education.





PRESCHOOL EXPANSION CLASSROOMS Louisiana Department of Education

Providing quality preschool programs with certified teachers in age-appropriate settings in partnership with Monroe City Schools and Union Parish Schools

20 Pre-K children served daily at Little Flower Academy in partnership with Monroe City Schools

- 1** Certified teacher
- 2** Teachers received their CDA

20 Pre-K children served at Downsville Community Charter School in partnership with Union Parish School District

- 1** certified teacher

104 Children at Little Flower Academy supported by CLASS Coaching - 6 months to 4 years of age



Little Flower Academy received the Honor Roll Award for the second consecutive year, birth to three, from the Department of Education for their excellence in high-quality instruction and care.

KIDS 1ST MOREHOUSE Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems

Connecting systems to improve developmental health outcomes for children ages 0–3 in Morehouse Parish.



- 3,000+** ...Books in the hands of young children
- 700+**Families receiving developmental support information
- 300+**Vroom Developmental/Activity Bags
- 20**Partners

Kids 1st Morehouse was proud to install a developmental corner at the Morehouse Parish Health Unit in September 2019. This space allows children to play with developmentally appropriate materials while giving parents resources and developmental milestone information.



ANCILLARY TEACHING PROGRAM, CHILDREN'S COALITION INSTITUTE Louisiana Department of Education

Providing high-quality intensive training to childcare teachers which prepares them for a widely recognized credential in early childhood education.

33 Graduates from Cohort 5
11 with perfect attendance

18 Graduates from Cohort 6
6 with perfect attendance

40+ Percent of candidates showed improvements in their CLASS scores

24 Candidates actively enrolled in Cohort 7

110 Graduates as of May 2020



“I really enjoyed this class - it changed my mind as a Director. I thought this would bring more problems, but instead I got much needed help! The staff has been a God send and truly been a blessing to me. THANK YOU!”
-**Brandy Ellison** - Cohort 6 Graduate & Class Speaker, Director/Owner of Gingerbread House Day Care Center Farmerville, La.



Shanterica & Shonterica Hardy completed the Ancillary Teaching Program in the Fall of 2019 and both work at Little Flower Academy.

“By offering the ATC program, the Children’s Coalition has given us the opportunity to further our education and give us a future to grow in the childcare industry.” - **Shanterica & Shonterica**



PARENTING

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services

Providing parenting, family skills building, and visit coaching to help reunite families in the DCFS and foster care system.

169 Referrals

41 Triple P Seminars

32 Participants in 3 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Seminars



This amazing couple finished the Nurturing Parenting Program Cohort 17 with a rating of Successful Completion. They have been reunited with their children and are blessed to be homeowners.

7 Clients Referred for Visit Coaching

26 Nurturing Fatherhood Sessions

MORE4U Aetna Foundation

Encouraging healthy pregnancy outcomes for pregnant teens in Morehouse Parish through Nurturing Parenting for Teen Parents and Centering Pregnancy.

2 Sessions

“The teachers talk to you about things and show you it’s okay to mess-up and love yourself again.”

K. Sheppard, Nurturing Parenting Program Graduate



HEALTHY LIVING



AL’S PALS: KIDS MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES Northeast Delta Human Services Authority

Teaching preschool children the social-emotional and resiliency skills needed to make healthy choices.

42 schools and 4 child development centers

109 classrooms receiving service

1,900 children receiving weekly lessons in Jackson, Ouachita, Morehouse, Franklin and Monroe City Schools

Franklin Parish Schools joined the Al’s Pals curriculum this year and teachers and staff enjoyed training to learn more about supporting their students with this nationally recognized curriculum.

POSITIVE ACTION Northeast Delta Human Services Authority

Character building and social-emotional development for Kindergarten and 1st grade students.

2 Schools with 3rd year pilot programs
Madison James Foster Elementary (MCS) and Robinson Elementary (OPS)

9 Classrooms receiving services

240 Children receiving weekly lessons in Monroe City and Ouachita Parish Schools



STEWARDS OF CHILDREN: DARKNESS TO LIGHT (D2L) & ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACE)

Community Sponsors

D2L program raises awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse and educates and empowers adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly.

Ouachita Parish and **Monroe City** School Districts served

Teachers and staff at Swartz Lower Elementary were trained in the D2L curriculum and are committed to the prevention of child sexual abuse.



MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION Tulane Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Providing mental health services to Type III Child Care Centers and registered Family Child Care Homes and across 11 parishes in Northeast Louisiana.

14 Registered Family Child Care Homes & 8 Type III Centers in Ouachita, Union, Franklin, Lincoln, East Carroll, and Morehouse Parishes

350 children served

2 Licensed Professional Counselors on staff

Telehealth sessions, Zoom trainings, and self-care discussions for parents, teachers, directors, owners, Resource & Referral staff, and Children's Coalition staff



U-ACT White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

Working as a Coalition in Union Parish to develop and implement a 5-year plan to address underage drinking and prescription drug abuse.

1,129 pounds of "prescription take back" drugs collected at 9 sites in region

27 U-ACT student ambassadors selected

1,170 students served during Red Ribbon Week (October)

100 students and teachers participated in mock crash & trial at Union Christian Academy in partnership with LA State Police Troop F and Sudden Impact LA

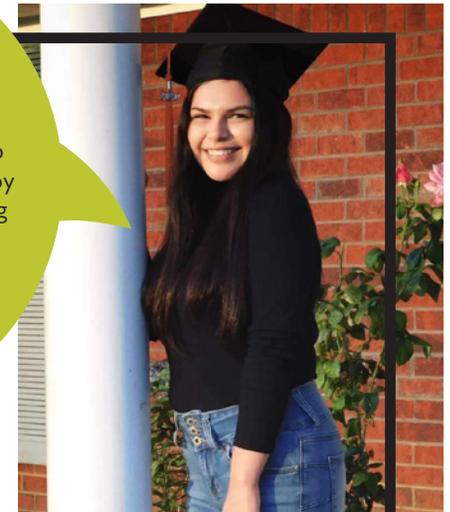
Partnership with ULM School of Pharmacy to support National Prescription Take Back Day to collect expired, unwanted and unused prescription drugs

10 Senior Ambassadors gifted laptops from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation



Union Parish Sheriff Dusty Gates is a proud partner of U-ACT - this photo was displayed prominently on billboards in Union Parish with the message of "Don't be a dealer."

"I want to begin by thanking Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation and the Children's Coalition for the help in funding laptops. This new laptop will help me throughout my college years, by helping me do research or helping me complete assignments and will ultimately help me finish my major and be an accountant." - **Soledad Palomo**





YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The pandemic has challenged our community and has greatly impacted our school-based programs. SOS: Signs of Suicide & Love 146: Not a #Number will be presented in schools this fall as classes resume. Mental health will be a key factor in resilience and recovery, and this kind of support is critical to offer during this time. Through the generosity of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation and the Junior League of Monroe, our SOS program will be expanding.



Our Youth Advocacy night featured work by local artists and a performance by the Ashé Cultural Arts Center in New Orleans. Youth Advocate Awards were presented to Beverly Lewis & Betty Cooper for their outstanding support of our community.

SOS: SIGNS OF SUICIDE

Community Sponsors

Helping middle school students to recognize signs of depression and suicide in themselves and others.

LOVE 146: NOT A #NUMBER

Community Sponsors

A child sex trafficking and exploitation prevention curriculum developed by Love 146.

OUACHITA ADOLESCENT HEALTH COALITION

Louisiana Public Health Institute

Building a Coalition to help identify and meet the reproductive health needs of adolescents.

2 Ouachita Parish Health Coalition meetings

1 Interfaith training in STI prevention

800 Eighth graders attended Health Education classes in Monroe City Schools

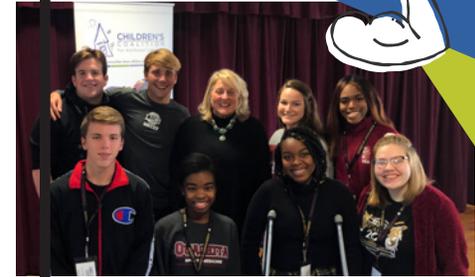
OUACHITA YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Community Sponsors

Developing leadership skills in middle and high school students chosen by school counselors.

283 Middle and high school students from 34 Monroe City, Ouachita Parish, and area private and parochial schools attended the fifth annual summit at ULM

225 Professionals trained



Students from Ouachita Parish High School receive support from Jan Daniels, Youth Development Coordinator, year-round and enjoyed learning about leadership during the Summit.



Professionals were also trained on topics impacting youth.

TIME TO TALK

Community Sponsors



Partnering with KEDM + BayouLife Magazine to bring accurate and appropriate information from state and local experts about issues that affect children, so that parents can understand and communicate with and about them.

12 Monthly articles in BayouLife Magazine

24 Bi-monthly segments on 90.3 KEDM Public Radio

“I love everything the Children’s Coalition does for the community. They have taught me so much - from how to be a better leader through the annual leadership summits to being a better member of the community by helping out wherever I can!” -**Jane Campbell**, 2020 Neville Graduate, 2019 Dragon Boat Volunteer of the Year, attending Ole Miss in the fall





SPECIAL EVENTS



DIA DE LA FAMILIA October 19, 2019 (Union Parish)

459 families attended the ninth annual year celebrating Hispanic culture and heritage in Union Parish, providing vital community resources for all ages. Some attendees even participated in a burrito eating contest thanks to Little Piece of Mexico Restaurant in Farmerville.

BULLY PROOF AWARENESS KICK-OFF **October 1, 2019**

Various Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms and families created videos by using skits, songs, and props to create a fun way of letting the community know that school and community is bully proof. This campaign also reinforced teaching the children how to socialize and respect the differences of others. Schools are supporting efforts throughout the year by placing Buddy Benches on playgrounds. Bully prevention lessons were taught and activities followed. **1,900** participants

OUACHITA YOUTH SUMMIT **November 6, 2019**

Fifth annual gathering of nominated junior and high school students from area public, private, and parochial schools to learn leadership skills. Students learned about topics ranging from healthy choices, social media safety, bullying, suicide, and more. New to the summit this year, professionals including nurses, school counselors, and social workers were trained in similar topics including Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

283 students representing **28** schools
225 professionals

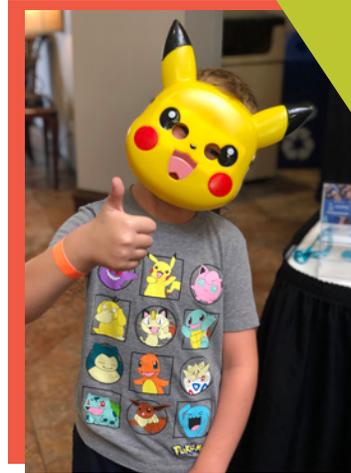


PARENT NIGHT + PUBERTY 101 **15 sessions**

A series of classes for parents and middle schoolers that address issues related to adolescent health and the specific skills necessary to adopt healthy behaviors and relationships.

POKÉCON **September 14-15, 2019**

A new partnership for the Coalition, but a beloved event for many celebrating all things gaming. Attendees from across the country met in West Monroe to play in tournaments, shop with vendors, and play together while all proceeds benefit our youth development programs.



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SECRETARY VISIT **November 5, 2019**

Department of Children and Family Services Secretary Marketa Walters visited the Children's Coalition in November. This was the northeast stop of a statewide tour to update constituents on the Louisiana Platform for Children and was held in conjunction with countless community partners.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DAY **October 19, 2019**

1,129 lbs of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medications were collected during our 1st National Take Back Day at nine drop-off locations in Morehouse, Union, Ouachita, and Lincoln parishes. Due to the pandemic, the spring date was postponed, but there are several drop boxes across the region. To see a list, visit www.childrenscoalition.org/u-act





GIVING TUESDAY

December 3, 2019

#GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Both Monroe Mayor Jamie Mayo and West Monroe Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell made a joint proclamation declaring the day, with volunteers and donors supporting our families with donations of diapers, wipes, new socks, and new and gently used books.



EARLY ED WEEK February 7-14, 2020

As a United Way partner agency through Early Head Start, Early Ed Week is a time to shine a light on the importance of investing in Early Childhood while showcasing the dedication and hard work of all childcare providers. Legislators and elected officials toured our Beverly Center and learned about issues facing our children - then some were able to participate in story time!



CHILDREN'S COALITION DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL



A beloved event by all, the difficult decision was made to cancel this year's races due to COVID-19. Funds raised help keep our organization afloat, but the event is truly a community effort. Partners like Entergy, Homeland Bank, LSU Monroe Family Medicine Residency with Dr. Jo Ann Alley, Scott Equipment Company, Atmos Energy, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana,

CommuniHealth Services, Healthy Blue, and Vantage allowed their sponsorship to support our COVID and tornado relief efforts at a crucial time and allowed us to respond to the needs of our community.

SAVE THE DATE!

December 31, 2020 | School Readiness Tax Credit Deadline
May 8, 2021 | Children's Coalition Dragon Boat Festival

For a full list of events and trainings visit [ChildrensCoalition.org/events](https://www.ChildrensCoalition.org/events)



RESPONDING & RECOVERY

In times of disaster and crisis, we recognize the importance of front-line organizations who meet immediate needs and help communities and families recover. As we continue to provide services, there are gaps and needs across our community that have become evident. Our mission is to fill gaps and provide whatever it takes to help children and families - even basic necessities including temporary shelter, diapers, wipes, and cleaning supplies.

Child Care is essential for pandemic response and economic recovery.

Respite child care enabled children of essential infrastructure personnel to find care for their children during Phase I of the Stay at Home order. Our staff connected parents to open seats at high quality child care centers, which helped owners keep their business open.

18 candidates for the Ancillary Teaching Program continued their progress online and virtually graduated in May.



Teaching children the importance of handwashing and hygiene has been a focus, but it is critical to stop the spread of the virus and teach healthy habits.



"The support our early childhood center continues to receive from the Children's Coalition during the Covid-19 pandemic has been immeasurable and unparalleled. From phone call inquiries ensuring we are equipped with basic supplies to face mask donations and weekly webinar support meetings to policy guidance, the Children's Coalition has been a tremendous support system for our center since day one. They enable our continued essential service to the community with a wealth of aids." - **Hillary and Don Liu, Ph.D.**, owners of *Ruston Early Learning Center*



Parenting during a crisis is hard - we are here to help.

Shifting the delivery to our Family Resource Center clients allowed a 1:1 virtual approach and each family received detailed attention to their case plan and journey to being a stronger parent.

Parents of middle and high school students continued to receive information on important issues through Time to Talk, published in Bayou Life Magazine monthly.

Early Head Start families who were displaced as a result of the tornadoes on April 5th were provided hotel rooms at no cost to ensure a safe environment in a time of devastation.

Mental & Physical Health will be a key factor in resilience and recovery.

Telehealth sessions and self-care discussions for parents, teachers, directors, and caregivers expanded the delivery of our Infant Mental Health program.

135 garden kits were distributed to families to allow interaction and learning in a drive-thru distribution.

When school resumes, increased suicide training and screening will expand to rural parishes to support the long-term mental health of our youth.

“Thank you to our Child Care Specialist, Theresa, for always going the extra mile for our staff and centers. You are such a blessing!” - **LaMetress Bell Rodgers,** Tender Touch Nursery I & II

Many Thanks!

Many thanks to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation, Entergy, Healthy Blue, Drax Biomass, Scott Equipment Co., LSU Ochsner Monroe Family Medicine Residency and Dr. Jo Ann Alley, Atmos Energy, CommuniHealth Services, and Vantage Health Plan for financially supporting our organization during this crisis and allowing us to respond and adapt to these needs.



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\$2,500 - STRIVE

Drax Biomass
 Entergy
 Healthy Blue
 Homeland Bank
 LSU Monroe Family Medicine
 Residency
 Scott Equipment
 Lynda & Lou Gavioli

\$5,000+ - THRIVE

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of
 Louisiana Foundation
 Origin Bank
 Dewey & Julie Weaver
 Webb Family

CHILDREN'S COALITION FOR NORTHEAST LOUISIANA, INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	June 30 2020	June 30 2019
ASSETS		
Cash	\$2,319,532	\$1,764,341
Accounts Receivable	406,678	365,773
Prepaid Expenses	20,316	22,017
Furniture and Equipment, net	515,910	528,327
Other Assets	8,925	8,925
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,271,361	\$2,689,383
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	61,422	38,245
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	5,431	4,334
Deferred Revenue	202,691	182,015
Note Payable	104,505	-
Total Liabilities	374,049	224,594
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions		
Undesignated	989,809	1,130,441
Designated by the Board for operating reserve	350,000	250,000
Total net assets without donor restrictions	1,339,809	1,380,441
With Donor Restrictions		
Support for program activities	1,557,503	1,084,348
Total net assets with donor restrictions	1,557,503	1,084,348
Total Net Assets	2,897,312	2,464,789
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$3,271,361	\$2,689,383

CHILDREN'S COALITION FOR NORTHEAST LOUISIANA, INC STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
SUPPORT AND REVENUES		
Donations and Sponsorships	\$1,464,746	\$1,581,339
Grants	4,982,807	4,633,749
Registration and Tuition Fees	576	3,264
Memberships	17,002	22,488
Interest	29,497	4,685
Contributions and Net Revenue from Special Events		
Special Event Revenue	1,283	4,361
Other Revenue	872	1,316
TOTAL	\$6,496,783	\$6,251,202
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Healthy Living	110,335	109,630
Early Childhood Education	2,054,277	1,702,250
Early Head Start	2,840,959	2,894,001
Youth Development	245,168	317,492
Parenting Initiative	371,129	364,162
Total Program Services	5,621,868	5,387,535
Supporting Services		
Management & General	428,449	380,252
Fund Raising	13,943	97,505
Total Supporting Services	442,392	477,757
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,064,260	\$5,865,292
Change in Net Assets	432,523	385,910
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$2,464,789	\$2,078,879
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$2,897,312	\$2,464,789

EARLY HEAD START FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Budget FY 2019-20	Budget FY 2018-19
INCOME		
Federal Government	\$2,292,080	\$2,235,475
United way	23,952	29,940
TOTAL INCOME	2,316,032	2,265,415
Total Expenses	2,316,032	2,265,415
NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)	-	-
In-kind	\$524,927	\$691,562

As of 8/4/20 a full financial audit is in progress but not yet completed.

SCHOOL READINESS TAX CREDITS

For every dollar (up to \$5,000) contributed to the Coalition, businesses will receive a

dollar-for-dollar refundable credit on Louisiana State taxes - redirecting tax liabilities locally into quality early childhood experiences through training, coaching, equipment and partnerships. We would like to thank the following businesses:

- 3J&A Consulting, LLC
5678 Farms LLC
Adrian James Logging Inc.
Al Peterson, Jon Rea Realty
Alfred Ray Moss Consulting, LLC
Angie Sanders Ad Group
Argent Financial Group, Inc.
Atkins Rental Properties
Atkins Well Service Inc.
B&C Archery, LLC
B.A. Electrical, LLC
Bamburg Consulting, Inc.
Barrett Trucking
Barton Mowing Service
Benny Hailey Consulting, LLC
Billy Doughty Consulting, LLC
Blackwell Chambliss Law Firm
Blake Wheelis Insurance Agency, Inc.
BNR Drilling LLC
Boardwalk Consultants, LLC
Book's Pharmacy LTD
Brad Pritchard Consulting, Inc
Brent Bryant, LLC
Brian and Diana Wade Farms
Brock Nichols Farm, LLC
C3 Consulting, LLC
Car Town of Monroe
Carpet Care Cleaning and Restoration, LLC
Carr's Dirt Works & Pipeline Services Inc.
CC Sampognaro
CET Consulting, LLC
CMK Therapy, LLC
CND Reed Family, LLC
Cognitive Development Center
Corbin J. Turpin DDS, LLC
Crawford Financial Group, LLC
Crossroads Legacy, LLC
CTR Warranty, LLC
Cub Creek Investments
Custom Call Center, LLC
Custom Fabrication & Consulting, LLC
D and L of Ouachita
Daniel Stevens Consulting, LLC
Darrell McDowell Consulting Inc
Darren Ford Insurance, Inc.
David Jenkins Consulting, Inc.
- David M. Hartt, CPA
David T. Cole, CPA, LLC
Delta Tire of Winnfield, Inc
DeVaux Enterprises, LLC
Don Tant Logging Co. Inc.
Doughty Consulting, LLC
Drewery Production, Inc.
DUB Companies, LLC
Exterior Co. LLC
FEPS, LLC
Fisher Management & Investments LLC
FMOL Health System Inc. | St. Francis Medical Center
Francis Consulting, Inc
Freeman Lumber, LLC
Frosty Factory of America, Inc.
Gaar Equipment Sales
Garr Timber LLC
Gregiore Consulting, LLC
Griffin Funeral Home
Gulf Inland, LLC
Gulf South Warehouse, LLC
Gwin Consulting, LLC
Hall Downtown, LLC
Hatten Tire Center, Inc.
Heard, McElroy & Vestal
Heath Clifton Consulting LLC
Holyfield Assets, LLC
Holyfield Construction, Inc.
Holyfield Investments, LLC
Holyfield, Inc.
Ingles Timber Inc.
J Gray Consulting, LLC
J4 Consultants Inc.
James R. Turbeville Consulting, LLC
Jason Masters Consulting, Inc.
Jason Matthews Consulting, LLC
Jennifer David, LLC
JGH Architectural Interiors, Inc.
John S. Carroll, CPA, LLC
Johnston & G, LLC
Johnson Physical Therapy
JRU Consulting, LLC
Julie Mays Interiors
K&K Boyd Enterprises, LLC
Karl Roszell Consulting, LLC
Kathryn Ryland Rental Properties
Kidney Services of Northeast Louisiana APMC
Knight Acquisitions, LLC
Kramerica Properties, LLC
KYTE Consulting, LLC
- Lagnippe Hospitality Marketing
Lane Eddleman DDS, LLC
Larry Bratton Drilling Co. Inc.
Laura Wood Agency, LLC
Linus Carroll Medical Corporation
Louisiana Agricultural Corporation, LLC
Louisiana Plastic Industries, Inc.
Louisiana Sports Management, LLC
Luke Bird Consulting Inc.
M D Smith Lumber Company, Inc.
M & A United, LLC
Madeline Properties
Mark C. Napoli, M.D., APMC
Mark Johnson Plumbing
Mark Meredith DDS, Inc.
Marty Wright, LLC
Matthew W. Fowlkes
DMD MD LLC
Mayard Consulting, LLC
McFarland Timber
McKeithen & Lewellyan Professional Law Corp.
McLawrence Foods, LLC- Mac's Fresh Market #1 & #2
MCS TWO, LLC
Melannie G Turpin DDS, LLC
MGK Consulting, LLC
Mid South Extrusion, Inc.
Mixon Carroll & Frazier, PLLC
MOEBIZ
Moss Logging, Inc.
Murphrey Consulting Services, Inc
Murphrey Oil Company, Inc
Newcomer Morris and Young, Inc.
Nomad Mangement, LLC
Northgate Development, LLC
Origin Bank
P TWO, LLC
P&R Properties, LLC
P.K. Morris, John Rea Realty
PFC of Columbia, Inc.
Phillip Atwood Consulting, LLC
Pine Land Title LLC
Pineland Contracting, Inc.
Platinum Energy Services, LLC
- Pooler Farms
Progressive Bank
Raw Sushi LLC
Raymond Construction Enterprises LLC
Richard DeLong Consulting, LLC
Richard Gayle Consulting, Inc.
Richland Therapy Services, LLC
Riser Construction, LLC
River Ridge Renovations, LLC
RJP Enterprises, LLC
RLG Consulting, Inc
RLP Management, LLC
Robbie McMillin Consulting, LLC
Robin Egg Blue, LLC
Rock Island Physio, LLC
Rodney Alexander, LLC
Ronnie L. Darden Farm
Ronnie Laird Consulting, Inc.
Rowland Logging, Inc.
Rozwell Consulting, LLC
Ruffles and Lace
Scott Equipment Company, LLC
Sherry Kenney Farm
Skent N Dent Home Appliance
Southern Pines Dental
Steven H Gaar Logging, Inc
Stott Transport Inc
Stott Wood Company
Strauss Properties, LLC
Strauss Tallulah
Super Sign Mart Inc.
The Kirksey Agency, Inc.
The Orthopaedic Clinic of Monroe
The Scott Corporation, LLC
Therapy Fields Farms
Tim Simons Logging, LLC
TLK Properties
TV Resources, Inc.
Turner Rexall 1136, LLC
Twin City Investments, LLC
Vantage Health Plan, Inc
W4 Consulting, LLC
West River Park, LLC
Wise Mud Consulting