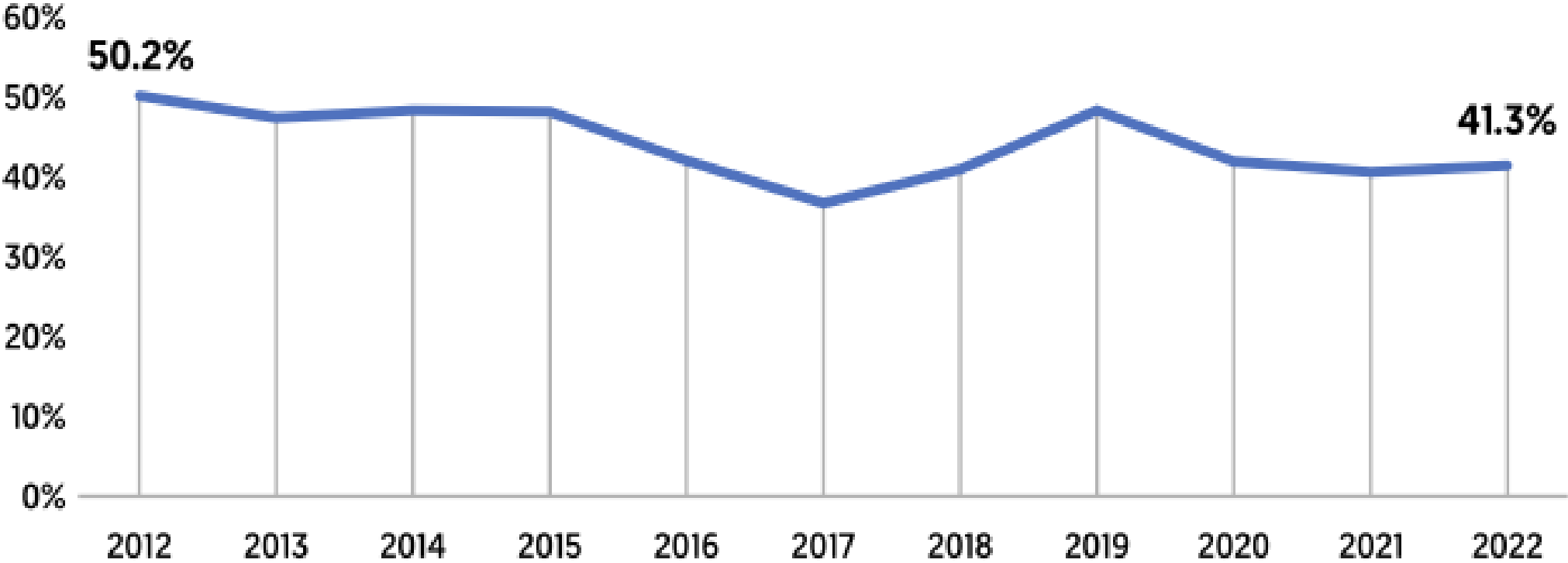


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PROBLEM: 60% OF KIDS ARE NOT KINDERGARTEN READY.

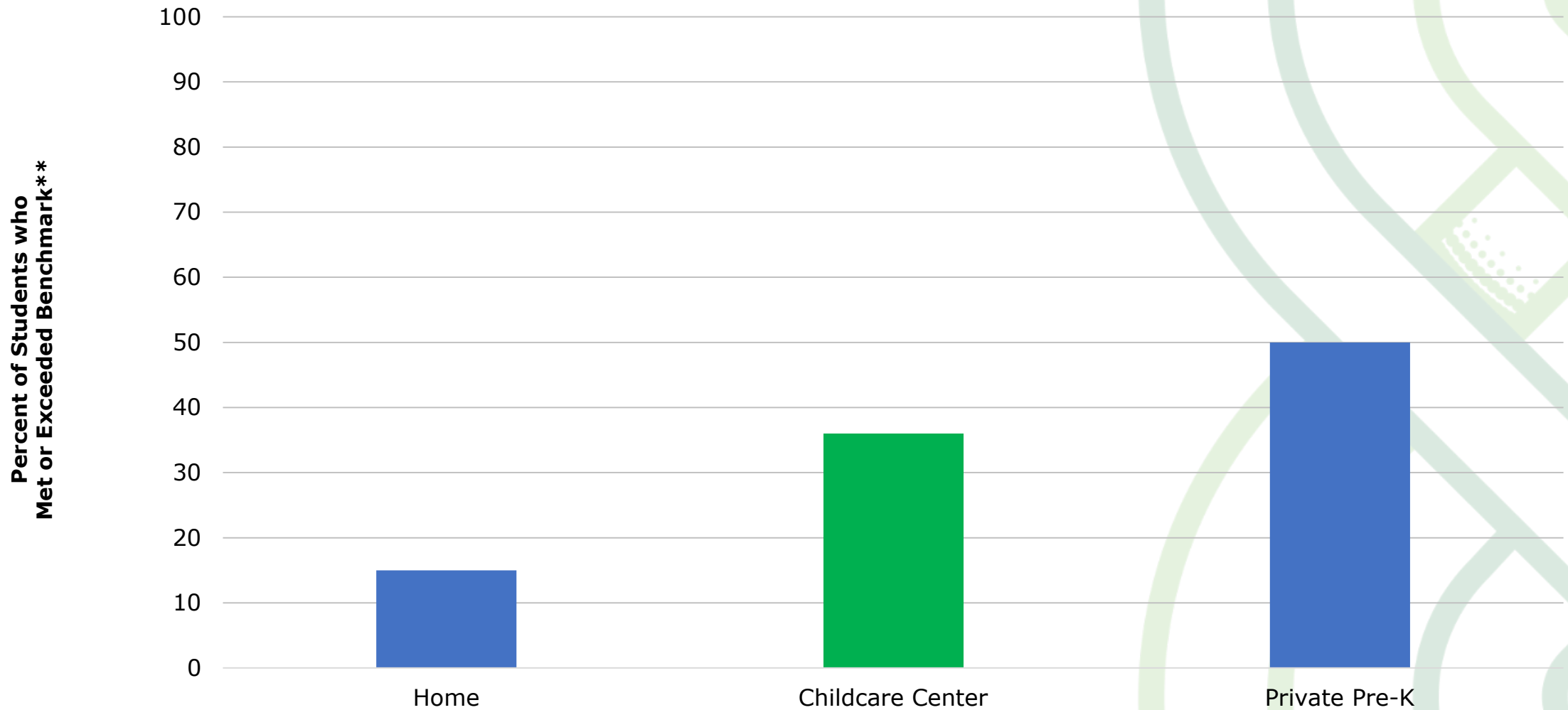
Percent Incoming Kindergartners Arriving Kindergarten Ready in Shreveport-Bossier MSA, Fall 2012-2022



CFNLA'S ECE INITIATIVE OUTCOMES:

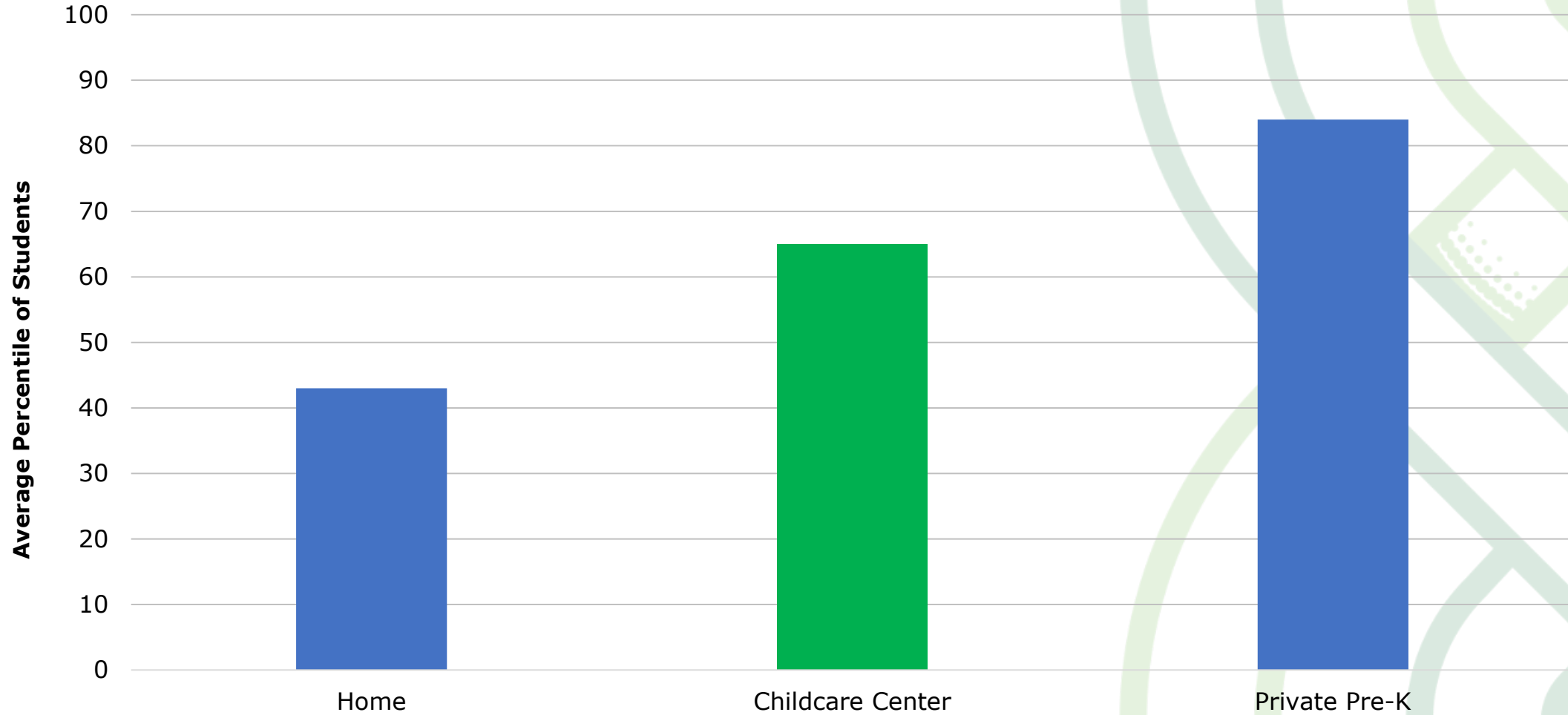
- ★ From 2021-22, 65% increase in ECE Enrollment for children 0-3; 95% increase for 0-2.
- ★ Among participating centers, 10 new classrooms opened in 2023, resulting in increased revenue for ECE center.
- ★ Two years of data demonstrates children attending ECE centers are far more K ready than peers who do not.

Fall 2023 Reading* Scores of Kindergarteners by Pre-K Experience



*Source: Caddo Parish Schools - Fall 2023 DIBELS Scores
**"Benchmark" is defined as 40th percentile nationally

Fall 2023 Math* Scores of Kindergarteners by Pre-K Experience

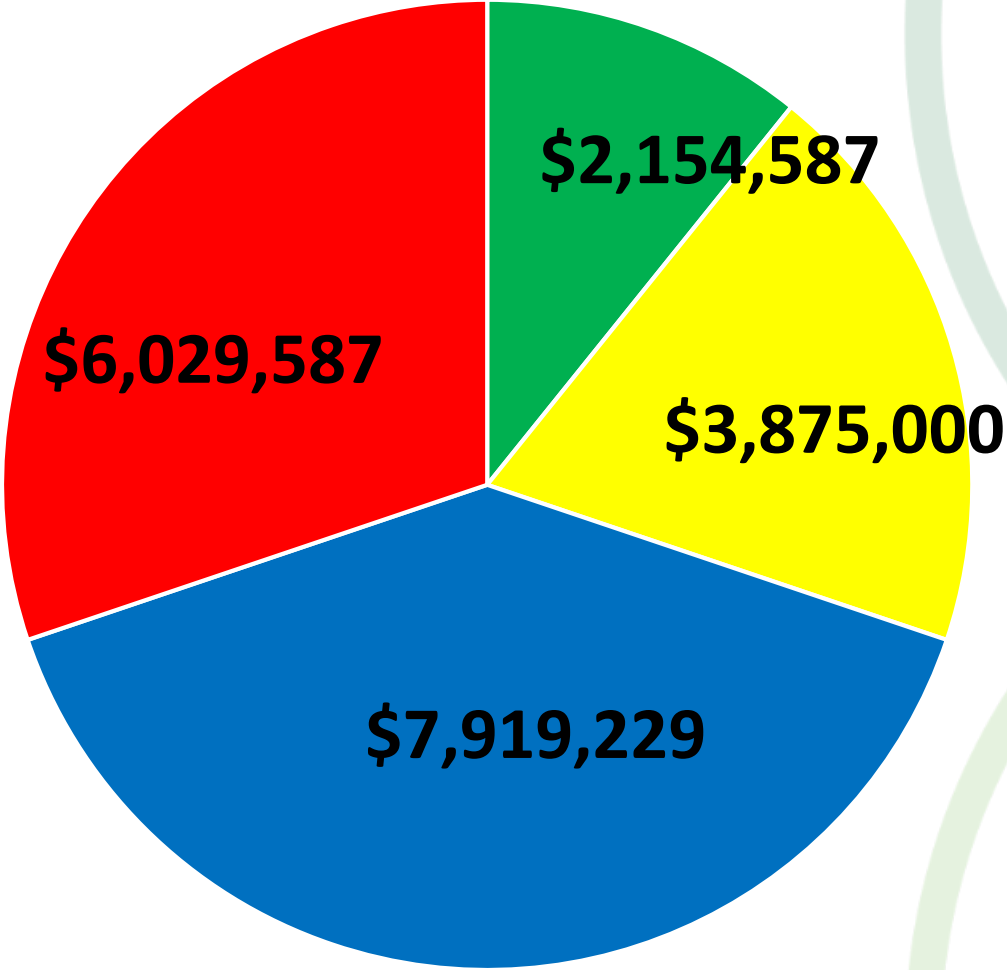


*Source: Caddo Parish Schools - Fall 2023 iSTEEP scores

Childcare Centers Currently Participating in ECE Scholarship Program

Child Care Center - ECE Scholarships	Address	Caddo Commission District
Grandma's Arms Child Care and Development Center I	3095 Phelps Road 71107	2 - Gregory Young
Grandma's Arms Child Care and Development Center II	2930 Dr. MLK, Jr. Drive 71107	2 - Gregory Young
Play2Learn Childcare and Enrichment Center	111 Freestate Boulevard 71107	3 - Victor Thomas
First Beginnings Child Development Center	500 Common Street 71101	3 - Victor Thomas
Noel Methodist Children's Center	520 Herndon Street 71101	3 - Victor Thomas
Seesaw Learning Academy	1200 South Pointe Parkway 71105	4 - John Paul Young
Galilee Learning Center	1625 Gary Street 71103	5 - Roy Burrell
Child's Play Development Center	1505 Grigsby Street 71108	5 - Roy Burrell
Kids R Kids Learning Center	3132 Bert Kouns 71118	6 - Stefton Jones
Juz' Us Childcare Development Center	6650 Bowie Street 71108	7 - Stormy Gage-Watts
Carroll's Kiddie Ranch	2617 Sunnybrook Street 71108	7 - Stormy Gage-Watts
Genesis Academy	5963 Buncombe Road 71129	7 - Stormy Gage-Watts
Love & Blessings Academy LLC	4015 Greenwood Road 71109	7 - Stormy Gage-Watts
The Eagle's Nest Development Center LLC	9409 Ferrara Drive 71118	10 - Ronald Cothran
Gabriel's Child Development Academy	5905 Flournoy Lucas Road 71129	12 - Kenneth Epperson
Kids with Dreams Learning Center	9015 Newcastle Drive 71129	12 - Kenneth Epperson

Total ECE Scholarship Investment - Caddo: 2021-24



■ CFNLA ■ City of Shreveport ■ Caddo Parish Schools ■ State Match

**TOTAL LEVERAGED FOR
ECE FOR 3 YEARS:**

\$19,978,403!!!



BY THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY SUMMIT

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FOSTERING AND PROMOTING HEALTHY EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT NORTHWEST LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, all Northwest Louisiana children should have the opportunity to succeed;

WHEREAS, kindergarten readiness affects a child's future opportunities and health;

WHEREAS, 50% of children in northwest Louisiana are not kindergarten ready;

WHEREAS, the major problems our region faces—crime, poor work force development, and underperforming schools—can be traced to this single statistic;

WHEREAS, 90% of brain development occurs during the first five years of life, which makes these years particularly crucial for the emergence of a strong citizenry;

WHEREAS, healthy development in these early years provides the building block for educational achievement, economic productivity, responsible citizenship, lifelong health, strong communities, and successful parenting of the next generation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following signatories agree to communicate, collaborate and promote all of the work necessary in developing a culture that promotes early childhood education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signatories herein agree to work proactively and collaboratively to implement the objectives set forth herein with the goal of reaching all Louisiana young children in the Child Ready Ready Act to afford them the opportunity to receive kindergarten readiness.

1. Create and disseminate a consistent community message on early brain development and the implications for society-at-large.
2. Identify, link together, improve and expand all systems to strengthen families, and to promote quality and affordable childcare and kindergarten readiness.

APPROVED:

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HERE FOR **GOOD**

