Why Early Education Matters

- 1. Brain Development: 80% of brain development takes place from birth through age 3, and 90% by age 4, establishing a critical foundation for future success. Early experiences affect development of the brain's architecture which provides the foundation for all future learning, behavior, and health. The science of brain development explains the connection between early learning experiences and long-term success. Let's create a strong foundation in which children can build upon.
- **2.** <u>Child Outcomes:</u> Quality early education paves the way for a better trained and higher paid workforce, lower incarceration rate, improved health outcomes, and reduced welfare costs.
- **3. Economic Impact:** Public investment in early childhood provides a greater return than any other time of life. There is an estimated \$12.9 economic return for every \$1 of public funding invested in early care and education.



Our Mission

It is the mission of the

St. Tammany Early Childhood Ready Start Network

to provide high-quality, developmentally appropriate early childhood care and education for children birth to age five so that each child enters kindergarten ready for success.



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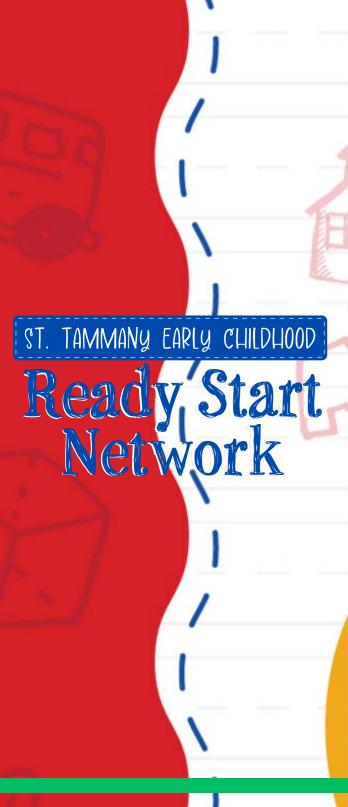
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Type III Childcare Centers

A to Z Preschool AppleTREE Academy Bambi's Kids Academy Cedarwood School Charlotte's Web School Children's College Circle of Love Daycare Creative Kidz Slidell

E & A Village Early Learning Center

First Class Academy

Fontainebleau Children's Academy

Friendly Hive Learning Center

Geaux Academy

Honeycomb Preschool - Slidell

Honeycomb Preschool - Pearl River

Kidz Karousel Academy East

Kidz Klub House Slidell

Kidz Klub House Madisonville

Kidz Klub House Mandeville

Kidz Learning Academy

Kinder Haus Nido

The Kings Kids

Kids Kingdom of Covington

K.I.D.S. Learning Center

Lil' Hero's Learning Academy

Lil Lighthouse Christian Academy

Little Feet First Daycare

Little Feet First Inc

Little Oak Preschool

Little Prince and Princess Academy

Little Red Schoolhouse

The Little Academy

Magnolia Preschool

My Little Sprout Too!

Northlake Christian Early Learning Center

Bethany Lutheran Open Arms

Northshore Kids Academy

Park Place Learning Center

East St. Tammany Rainbow Child Care

Tender Years Child Development Center

Tree of Life Christian Daycare

4. Kindergarten Readiness...It is not "just play"



Peek-A-Boo isn't just a game; it enhances gross motor skills, stimulates the senses, improves visual tracking, promotes social development, and nurtures a sense of humor.



You see "Dress Up", but dramatic play nurtures self-regulation, conflict resolution, role recognition, problem-solving skills, cooperation, communication, and empathy.



Playing with blocks is not just simple stacking. Block play encourages balance, estimation, and symmetry. It strengthens left brain development with science and math skills and promotes creativity.

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

Covington Head Start & Early Head Start Lacombe/Mandeville Head Start Pearl River Head Start & Early Head Start Slidell Early Head Start

Academically Approved Family Child Care Sites

Angels on Assignment

St. Tammany Parish LA4 Public Schools

Abita Springs Elementary Abney Early Childhood Center Alton Elementary Bayou Woods Elementary Bonne Ecole Elementary Brock Elementary Chahta-Ima Elementary Covington Elementary

Cypress Cove Elementary
Fifth Ward Jr. High
Florida Avenue Elementary
Folsom Elementary
Lee Road Jr. High
Little Pearl Elementary
Lyon Elementary
Madisonville Elementary
Mandeville Elementary
Marigny Elementary
Marigny Elementary
Mayfield Elementary
Pontchartrain Elementary
Sixth Ward Elementary
Whispering Forest Elementary
Woodlake Elementary

