

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. Child Outcomes: 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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Early Childhood

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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
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
Mayfield Elementary
Pontchartrain Elementary
Sixth Ward Elementary
Whispering Forest Elementary
Woodlake Elementary

