



# BLUEPRINT

# Guiding Statements

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## **VISION STATEMENT**

Building a solid foundation that ensures children age birth to five reach their full potential.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Sabine Early Childhood Community Network promotes school readiness by providing a safe, nurturing, child-centered environment for children to learn and grow, while engaging families as active partners.

# Analysis of Current State

## ACCESS

Sabine Early Childhood Community Network currently serves approximately 313 children, ages birth to four at eight sites. The majority of these sites are pre-kindergarten, four-year-old classes situated at seven school campuses throughout Sabine Parish. Two schools, Many Elementary School and Zwolle Elementary School, serve three-year-old children in the network. Many Elementary School serves children in four classrooms and Zwolle Elementary serves three-year-old children in one classroom. The network has one publicly funded childcare facility, Faithlynn's Learning Academy, LLC, that serves approximately 28 children, birth to four years.

| Site                                            | Infants  | Toddlers  | 3-Year-Olds | 4-Year-Olds |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Converse High School (PK-12)                    | 0        | 0         | 0           | 20          |
| Ebarb High School (PK-12)                       | 0        | 0         | 0           | 12          |
| Florien High School (PK-12)                     | 0        | 0         | 0           | 11          |
| Many Elementary School (PK-4)                   | 0        | 0         | 0           | 91          |
| Many Preschool Center                           | 0        | 0         | 68          | 0           |
| Negreet High School (PK-12)                     | 0        | 0         | 0           | 20          |
| Pleasant Hill High School (PK-12)               | 0        | 0         | 0           | 12          |
| Zwolle Elementary School (PK-6)                 | 0        | 0         | 14          | 40          |
| Faithlynn's Learning Academy, LLC               | 5        | 14        | 6           | 0           |
|                                                 | 5        | 14        | 88          | 206         |
| <b>Total for Sabine Early Childhood Network</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>88</b>   | <b>313</b>  |

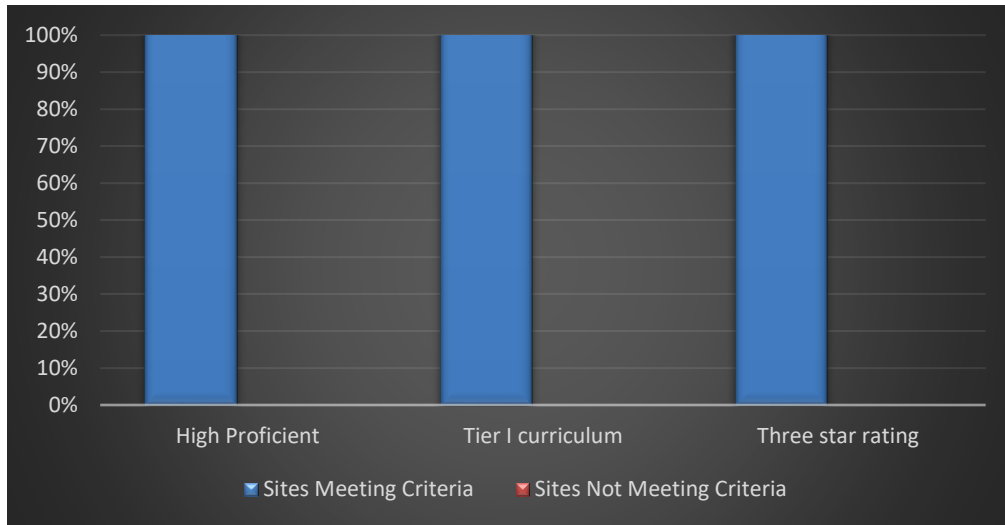
## QUALITY

Data from performance profiles demonstrates a High Proficient rating for Sabine Early Childhood Community Network. Continuous growth is achieved through recruitment and retention of certified staff, high-quality professional development related to implementation of high-quality curriculum, improving instructional practices, and targeted teacher-coaching.

| Performance Profile Ratings for Sabine Early Childhood Network |                               |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Year                                                           | Score                         | Rating          |
| 2016-2017                                                      | 5.07                          | Proficient      |
| 2017-2018                                                      | 5.23                          | Proficient      |
| 2018-2019                                                      | 5.80                          | High Proficient |
| 2019-2020                                                      | NO NETWORK SCORE DUE TO COVID |                 |
| 2020-2021                                                      | NO NETWORK SCORE DUE TO COVID |                 |
| 2021-2022                                                      | 6.02                          | Excellent       |
| 2022-2023                                                      | 5.83                          | High Proficient |
| 2023-2024                                                      | 5.95                          | High Proficient |

## STRENGTHS

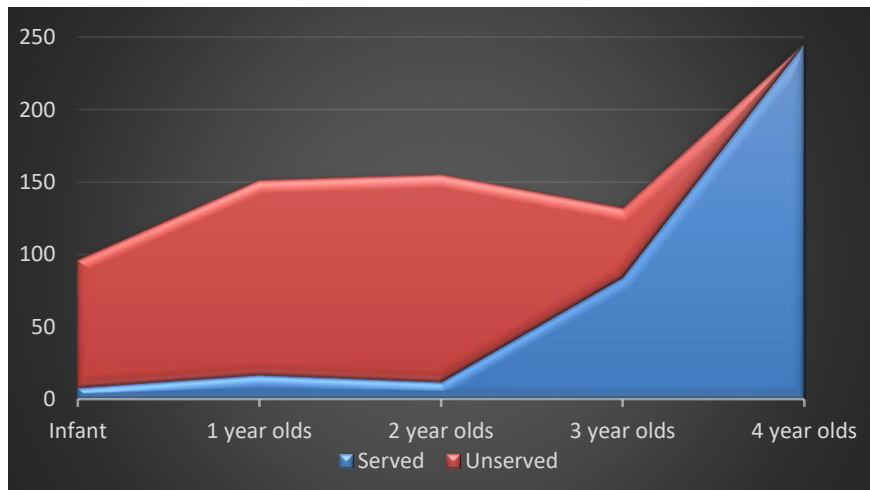
There are two notable strengths for Sabine Early Childhood Community Network: access for four-year old children and high-quality programs. Through braiding of funds, the network offers a seat to all four-year-old children in Sabine Parish; therefore, achieving a success rate of 100% in the area of access for at-risk four-year-old children. Based on 2023-2024 data, Sabine's programs are also high-quality: 100% of sites are rated overall as High Proficient or above, 100% of sites are using a Tier I curriculum, and 100% of sites have a three-star rating for teacher/child ratio.



## AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

Contrastingly, access, scores in instructional support, and retaining certified teachers are weaknesses for the Sabine Early Childhood Community Network/Sabine Ready Start Network.

The network only serves about 64% of three-year olds, 8% of two-year-olds, 11% of one-year-olds, and 8% of infants.

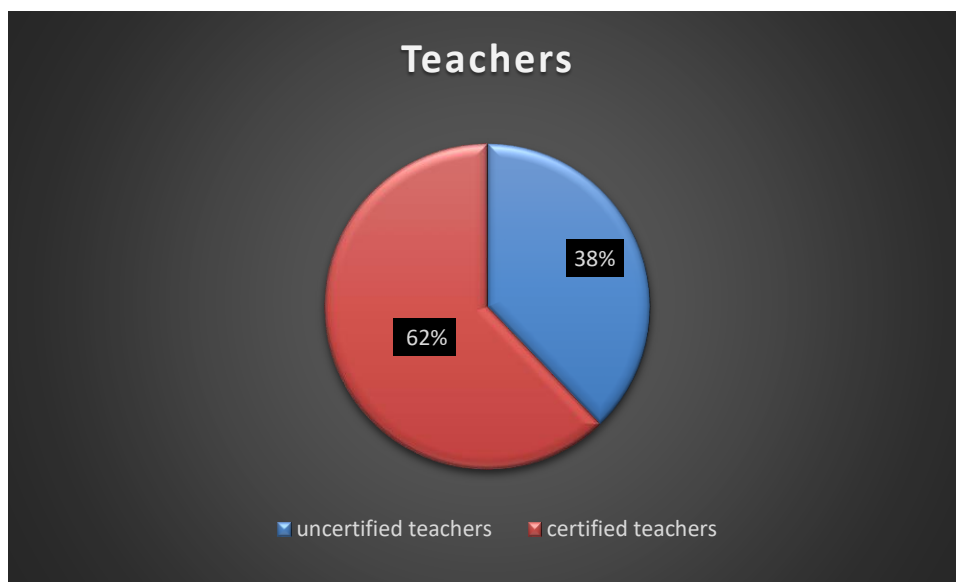


With a strong emphasis on kindergarten readiness, a second area for improvement is instructional support as measured by the CLASS observation tool. Instructional support, although improving, continues to rate Below Proficient. For children to be prepared for kindergarten, this dimension must improve.

| Year      | Emotional Support      | Classroom Organization | Instructional Support |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2016-2017 | 5.8                    | 5.74                   | 3.74                  |
| 2017-2018 | 5.92                   | 5.73                   | 3.98                  |
| 2018-2019 | 6.58                   | 6.41                   | 4.43                  |
| 2019-2020 | NO SCORE DUES TO COVID |                        |                       |
| 2020-2021 | NO SCORES DUE TO COVID |                        |                       |
| 2021-2022 | 6.88                   | 6.76                   | 4.71                  |
| 2022-2023 | 6.69                   | 6.54                   | 4.27                  |
| 2023-2024 | 6.79                   | 6.65                   | 4.29                  |

Teacher turnover in recent years has highlighted a critical area for improvement within the network. Certified educators are essential in shaping the academic and personal growth of students.

The network has 62% of certified teachers and 38% of uncertified teachers.



While Sabine's efforts for four-year old children are rated as highly proficient, there is room for improvement regarding access and quality for children.

# Goals and Strategies: Goal #1

## ACCESS

*Increase enrollment at-risk birth to three-year-old children in high-quality early childhood programs for the 2024-2025 school year by 10%.*

**STRATEGY #1:** Provide more birth to three-year-old seats at childcare centers.

**STRATEGY #2:** Secure grant funding to serve more children birth to five.

**STRATEGY #3:** Increase recruitment efforts of children birth to age three.

| Resources                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Existing                                                                                                               | Needed                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Buy-In: Network partners recognize the need to serve more children birth to three-years-old                            | Financial Resources: Current funding may not support the cost of personnel needed to serve children birth to three-years-old                                                                                      |
| Facilities: Local publicly-funded child care center is licensed and equipped to add additional seats                   | Additional Funding for Recruitment Activities: Extended hours of staff for open house at local day care, advertisements for local newspaper of available seats, advertisements for local radio of available seats |
| Availability: Many children are on a wait-list and available to fill vacant seats                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Coordinated Enrollment: Families have access to enroll children birth to three-years during universal Pre-K enrollment |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

**PERFORMANCE METRICS:** Increased enrollment of children birth to three-years-old

# Goals and Strategies: Goal #2

## QUALITY

*Increase the instructional support performance rating for Sabine Early Childhood Community Network from Approaching Proficient to Proficient by 2025.*

**STRATEGY #1:** Provide targeted, job-embedded, classroom-based coaching for new teachers and teachers scoring below proficient on the instructional support domain of CLASS.

**STRATEGY #2:** Train and utilize early childhood teachers with an emphasis on providing high-quality professional development to uncertified staff.

**STRATEGY #3:** Provide guidance and structures for professional learning communities so teachers are equipped to implement the Tier I curriculum with intentionality and fidelity.

| Resources                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Existing                                                                                                                             | Needed                                                                                                                                                         |
| High-Quality Curriculum: All sites in the network implement Tier I curriculum                                                        | Funding: Ensure that funding is allocated for new initiatives (training teacher leaders, stipends, training for professional learning communities)             |
| Instructional Staff: Current education staff available for classroom-based coaching and to support professional learning communities | Structures for Professional Learning Communities: Expand mentorship among teachers to share effective teaching strategies that align with the CLASS framework. |

**PERFORMANCE METRICS:** Increased CLASS score in instructional support for Sabine Early Childhood Community Network

# Goals and Strategies: Goal #3

## SUPPORTING FAMILIES

*Through trainings and collaborative partnerships, 75% of parents of enrolled children will gain knowledge and confidence to support their child's learning at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.*

**STRATEGY #1:** Provide training opportunities for parents to develop knowledge of children's growth and development and leadership skills to advocate on their child's behalf.

**STRATEGY #2:** Train staff on developing and maintaining positive, trusting relationships with families that support growth and success for children.

**STRATEGY #3:** Create opportunities for families to collaborate with staff on developing and supporting goals for their children.

| Resources                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Existing                                                                                                                         | Needed                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Instructional Staff: Current education staff available for to develop community partnerships and organize training opportunities | Community Partnerships: Commitments from community partners to support training for families<br><br>Training for Staff<br><br>Scheduled times throughout the school year to develop, monitor, and revise children's goals |

**PERFORMANCE METRICS:** Results from a pre and post parent/family survey