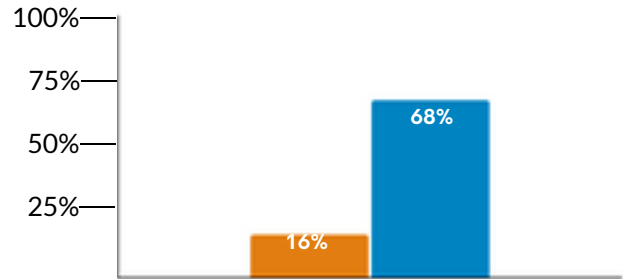


# A SNAPSHOT OF EARLY CARE & EDUCATION IN BESE DISTRICT 7

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In BESE District 7, **only 16%** of in-need children birth to age 3 are served by public programs, while 68% of 4-year-olds are.



**KEY:** ● Birth to 3 Children In Need Served ● 4-Year-Olds In Need Served

The vast majority of child care programs in BESE District 7 are meeting state quality benchmarks, providing **a smart start for children and a smart investment for families**. While early care and education program quality has improved, **access to quality birth to 3 programs remains an issue**. However, most in-need 4-year-olds in BESE District 7 have access to a child care program.

Network	Publicly Funded Enrollment	Numbers of Programs	Proficient Programs	Children In Need Served
Louisiana	55,942	1,814	93%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 75-84.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Acadia	793	26	100%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Beauregard	320	9	100%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 65-74.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Calcasieu	1,883	75	81%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 65-74.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Cameron	63	7	100%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Jefferson Davis	474	11	100%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Lafayette	2,646	84	98%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 65-74.99% (4-Year-Olds)
St. Landry	1,638	47	100%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Vermilion	1,010	28	100%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
District 7 Total	8,827	287	94%	

Data Sources: Early Childhood Care Site & Network Performance Profiles, Louisiana Department of Education, 2023 | Served & Unserved Estimates, Louisiana Department of Education, October 2022