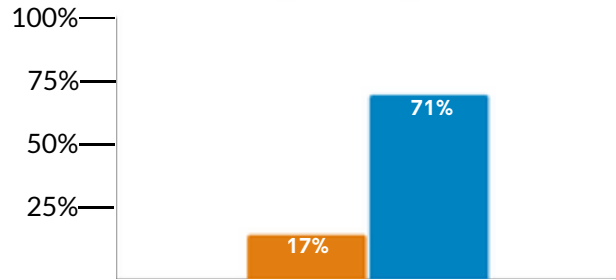


A SNAPSHOT OF EARLY CARE & EDUCATION IN BESE DISTRICT 8

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In BESE District 8, **only 17%** of in-need children birth to age 3 are served by public programs, while 71% 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 8 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 8 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)
Ascension	1,097	40	78%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 75-84.99% (4-Year-Olds)
East Baton Rouge & City of Baker	4,952	169	94%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 85-94.99% (4-Year-Olds)
East Feliciana	240	6	83%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Evangeline	494	18	94%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Iberville	574	19	95%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Lafayette	2,646	84	98%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 65-74.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Pointe Coupee	336	10	90%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
St. Helena	57	5	80%	0-10% (Birth to 3), 0-64.99% (4-Year-Olds)
St. Landry	1,638	47	100%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
St. Martin	747	15	87%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 85-94.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Tangipahoa	1,838	59	93%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 85-94.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Washington	501	13	100%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 85-94.99% (4-Year-Olds)