

**State Advisory Council  
Additional Comments on Application**

**State:** Louisiana

Louisiana needs to submit the following information to complete its application:

**Organizational Profiles:**

- Please clarify the relationship between BrightStart and Tulane University. Is BrightStart managed or overseen by Tulane University?

Governor Bobby Jindal specifically designated “Louisiana’s Early Childhood Comprehensive System’s Grant Initiative, known as BrightStart, to serve as Louisiana’s Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC).” Additionally he specifically designated Geoffrey Nagle, PhD “to coordinate these efforts for the ECAC” and named the Department of Children and Family Services as fiscal agent. BrightStart has been led and coordinated by Tulane University since its inception in 2004, through a contract with the Department of Health and Hospitals that administered the initial funding from the federal State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant. Dr. Nagle is a member of the Tulane faculty and has served as the BrightStart coordinator since the initiative began. Because of BrightStart’s designation as the ECAC, Tulane developed and wrote the ECAC grant proposal for the state and will continue in the role of coordinating and leading BrightStart in its expanded functions as Louisiana’s ECAC. As set forth in the grant application, Dr. Nagle will be the BrightStart/ECAC director, through a contract between the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Tulane University, and additionally, Melanie Bronfin also a member of the Tulane faculty, will continue in her role as the assistant state director. In its role of coordinating and leading BrightStart as Louisiana’s ECAC, Tulane will contract with individuals or entities to perform the functions of the ECAC positions in the Budget Justification portion of the grant application except that DCFS may contract with other governmental bodies for an individual to perform certain functions of the ECAC.

If this clarification meets with your expectations for the work to be performed by the responsible parties and was an integral part in the award of this grant to the State of Louisiana, please specify the same in writing.