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## **Kingsley House Parents as Educators Early Head Start Program Enrolling New Families**

**New Orleans, LA (June 29, 2020)** – Enrollment is NOW OPEN for Kingsley House’s Parents As Educators (PAE) program, a home-based, Early Head Start education model that promotes healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, enhances the development of very young children, and fosters healthy family functioning. These outcomes are achieved with the support of Kingsley House staff known as Parent Educators, who assist parents in the creation of a personalized early childhood education experience, a safe, stimulating home environment, and positive, language-rich parent-child relationship. The PAE program also ensures families are connected to medical, dental, mental health, and other social service supports, such as rental assistance, domestic abuse guidance, addressing homelessness, and connections to legal aide.

While home-based learning is the preferred choice for most families that enroll in the PAE program, Kingsley House also accepts enrollment for those who cannot find high-quality childcare due to the pandemic or are awaiting enrollment in other center-based programs. Whatever the reason, the PAE program provides the supports families need while caring for their children at home. Participating families can also take advantage of Kingsley House’s **Kingsley Connections** workforce development program which helps adults in the family overcome barriers to employment and prepare for and secure careers in top local industries.

Families like program participants Courtney and John Bryant say that the Kingsley House PAE program helps prepare parents to be the best ‘first teachers’ of their children. “Parents as Educators taught me how my daughter’s mind was maturing and how to engage her in play so she met all developmental milestones,” said Courtney Bryant.

**Who is eligible for the Parents as Educators home-based program?** Pregnant women and moms of children, ages birth to 3 years old and residents of Orleans Parish, with a qualifying income. To enroll, parent(s) must have a valid ID, child’s birth certificate, Medicaid card and food stamp print out, and proof of income from prior 12 months or last W2. Interested parties should contact Parent Advocate Carolyn Lilly, **504-523-6221 ext. 360** or [clilly@kingsleyhouse.org](mailto:clilly@kingsleyhouse.org).

### **About Kingsley House**

At Kingsley House, we envision a city and region where all young children are ready to succeed and all citizens are healthy and economically stable. Recognizing that vulnerable families are at risk of being caught in an intractable cycle of poverty, we are committed to ensuring that individuals and families have the supports necessary to be successful at all stages of life. To accomplish our goals, we join forces with dedicated community partners. Collectively, we work with families to fuel economic growth and social change in our city, state and region. Kingsley House is a proud United Way Community Impact Partner. For more information about Kingsley House, visit [www.kingsleyhouse.org](http://www.kingsleyhouse.org).

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