

LDOE
Quarterly Report to the DD Council January 2019

Update/progress on agency initiatives

Early Childhood:

Louisiana has been awarded nearly \$8 million to enhance the quality of early childhood education in communities across the state.

The bulk of the funding, about \$7.1 million, comes from a competitive federal Preschool Development Grant, and about \$800,000 comes from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as part of a match required by the grant process. The funding will help drive faster rates of improvement and equip more classrooms with fully prepared teachers.

The one-year funding, which will expire in December 2019, will allow Louisiana to:

- Equip communities to make informed decisions to improve local early care and education;
- Incorporate family homes into the statewide network of early childhood education providers;
- Enhance the quality of early childhood education provided to young learners; and
- Improve systems that inform the statewide network of early childhood education providers.

Behavior Intervention Summit:

The Department is hosting a behavioral intervention summit on January 30, 2019. The summit will provide a day of intensive professional learning for school systems around evidence based behavioral interventions and implementation of a multi-tier system of support for behavioral response. Sessions will go into specifics on the core components of behavioral intervention, national best practice for student discipline and assessment measures to ensure implementation fidelity.

Sessions include:

- Evidence Based Behavioral Intervention
- Social Emotional Learning Curriculum and Strategies
- Implementing a Multi-Tier System of Support
- Trauma Informed Approaches
- Classroom Management
- Cross Cultural Competencies
- Alternative Education Redesign
- Data Based Decision Making in Behavioral Intervention
- Bolstering School Climate and Culture
- Implementation Fidelity Measures for Effective Behavioral Interventions

Jump Start Convention:

The 2019 Jump Start annual convention is Tuesday, January 29 at Raising Cane's River Center, Baton Rouge. This year's theme is "Stronger Pathways. Stronger Credentials. Stronger Future". The convention seeks to engage school system administrators, high school principals, professional school counselors, Jump Start Regional Team members, Business and Industry partners, and Workforce Development organizations.

The convention will provide schools systems and schools with information on the successes of Jump Start and the first graduating cohort, and sessions to help strengthen Jump Start programs, build relationships with industry, business and local partners, and expand offerings to help all students succeed.

Advisory Panels:

The LDOE runs multiple advisory panels each comprised of diverse stakeholders charged with providing feedback on specific topics relative to the purpose of the panel. All advisory panel meetings follow open meetings law and DD Council members are encourage to attend. To learn more about the advisory panels and upcoming meetings visit:

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/state-advisory-councils>