



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Re: 21st Century Community Learning Centers External Organization Profile Release

To Whom It May Concern:

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is pleased to announce the opportunity for nonprofit organizations in Louisiana to submit an external organization profile (Profile). The LDOE is required, under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title IV, Part B, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), to provide a list of pre-screened external organizations.

The term “external organization” is defined by ESSA as: “(A) a nonprofit organization with a record of success in running or working with before and after school (or summer recess) programs and activities; or (B) in the case of a community where there is no such organization, a nonprofit organization in the community that enters into a written agreement or partnership with an organization described in subparagraph (A) to receive mentoring and guidance in running or working with before and after school (or summer recess) programs and activities” (ESSA, section 4201).

To meet the requirements for the minimum record of success, any organization submitting a Profile must:

- Operate as a nonprofit in good standing in Louisiana; and
- Have a minimum of seven years of experience operating or delivering services to out-of-school time programs in Louisiana.

If your organization meets the record of success requirements, you are eligible to complete and submit the Profile at [LDOEExOrgProfile](#) no later than 2:00 p.m. CDT on October 23, 2020. The next opportunity to submit a Profile will occur during the summer of 2022. LDOE will post the updated pre-screened list at <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/family-support-toolbox-library> by November 30, 2020.

Please note that this solicitation will not result in a contract with LDOE. Nor does the listing represent an endorsement by LDOE. LDOE will verify “good standing” status using the debarred vendor list when the Profile is submitted and periodically thereafter. All eligible pre-screened organizations will remain on the list for two years from the date posted on the LDOE website.

I am requesting that you widely share this announcement throughout Louisiana. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring Louisiana’s children have access to high quality out-of-school time programming.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Anna Novogratz at 225-366-9170 or at anna.novogratz@la.gov.

Sincerely,

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