



University of Louisiana Monroe Residency Placement Fair



District partners recruit potential residents at University of Louisiana at Monroe's first Residency Placement Fair.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- January 16: Deadline for districts to submit budgets for 2017-2018 Believe and Prepare Formula Funds for mentor and resident stipends
- January 17: *Changes to Child Care Background Requirements and How it Will Affect Universities Webinar*
- January 19: Deadline for preparation providers to complete [survey](#) for Department website update
- January 20: Deadline for preparation providers to complete Regional Meeting survey
- January 23: BESE considers extension requests
- January 24: Deadline for preparation providers to submit January [resident/mentor data collection template](#)
- January 26: LEAs have access to January [resident/mentor data collection template](#) through FTP
- January 26: Second window deadline to submit assurances for program approval alignment to policy
- January 30: Deadline for preparation providers to amend 2017-2018 High Cost Need or Formula Fund budgets to adjust for Indirect Cost or waive
- February 2: Third deadline to submit assurances for program approval alignment to policy
- February 2: Third deadline for preparation providers to submit an innovative request
- February 2: Deadline for current providers (who submitted a Notice of Intent by December 9, 2017, to apply for an initial request) to submit the initial application
- February 7: Deadline for LEAs to submit January [resident/mentor data collection template](#)
- February 21-23: Regional Support Meetings
- March 1: Child Care Criminal Background Checks go into effect for all early learning centers

BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

Upcoming program alignment deadlines:

- January 26: Second deadline to submit assurances for program alignment to policy
- February 2: Third window deadline to submit assurances for program approval alignment to policy
- February 2: Third application deadline for preparation providers to submit an innovative request

Preparation providers that submitted extension requests should plan to attend the BESE meeting on January 23, 2018, to answer any questions regarding the extension request.

Meeting: Educator Effectiveness Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2018

**Location: Claiborne Building, Room 1-100, The Louisiana Purchase Room,
1201 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, 70802**

Please refer to the [Educator Preparation Program Approval Policies and Guidelines](#) document, as well as the [Believe and Prepare](#) webpage for additional guidance and resources regarding program approval processes.

LOUISIANA BELIEVES WEBSITE UPDATES

The Department is updating the [Educators](#) section of the agency website so that aspiring teachers are able to easily access up-to-date information about each program and their course offerings.

Please take three minutes to complete this [survey](#) to ensure that the Department has the best information for your program. The deadline to complete the survey is **Friday, January 19, 2018**.

Please contact nicole.bono@la.gov if you have trouble accessing the survey or have any questions.

TRANSITION GUIDE UPDATES

The Believe and Prepare [Teacher Preparation Transition Guide](#) has been updated to address questions from the November regional meetings, as well as the recent LACTE meetings. Please refer to the FAQ section of the guide, which begins on p.12, for additional information. Updated topics addressed in the guide include:

- 80 Hours of Practice Required for Post-Baccalaureate Candidates
- Program Approval and Alignment Review Overview
- Yearlong Classroom Residency

BELIEVE AND PREPARE FUNDING

Believe and Prepare Grants:

All 2017-2018 Believe and Prepare grants are allocated and accessible in eGMS.

- Formula funding for districts to pay stipends to undergraduate residents and their mentors was allocated in October; the deadline for submitting the budget for this grant is **January 16, 2018**.
- A file has been uploaded to each district's FTP titled "district code_district name_2017-18_resident and mentor stipend allocations". This file contains details about the allocations and funding sources.
- Please refer to the [2017-2018 Mentor and Resident Stipend Allocation FAQ](#) for further details regarding the allocation.

January Data Collection Process:

The Department is conducting a second data collection process to identify residents beginning their yearlong residency in January 2018, and to make any necessary adjustments to the October allocations. This process will be the same as the process utilized in August.

Preparation providers must complete the [resident/mentor template](#) and submit via FTP no later than **January 24, 2018**. LEAs will have access to the partially completed resident/mentor template no later than **January 26, 2018** through their FTP. LEAs must complete the information in the template regarding mentor teachers and submit to the Department via FTP no later than **February 7, 2018**. Specific directions for completing the template are included in the [template](#). Allocations for these stipends will be brought to BESE for approval at the **March 13** BESE meeting.

REGIONAL SUPPORT MEETINGS

The Department staff will facilitate regional meetings for preparation providers throughout the 2017-2018 school year. These meetings will include updates on Believe and Prepare funding, policy, and transition processes, as well as opportunities for collaboration and discussion.

The February regional meetings will be held:

- Wednesday, February 21, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Grambling State University, Betty E. Smith Nursing Building, Distance Learning Center, Room 108, 1 Cole Street Grambling, LA 71245
- Thursday, February 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Alexandria, LA, LSU-Alexandria
- Friday, February 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Southeastern University, CATE Educational Center, 1200 N. General Pershing Dr. Hammond, LA

We are seeking your input on regional meeting topics. Please complete [this survey](#) by **Monday, January 20, 2018**, to indicate the topics you wish to see addressed at the meeting, and to RSVP. Please note that if you completed the survey in December, you do not need to complete it again.

Please contact nicole.bono@la.gov with any questions regarding the regional support meetings.

MENTOR TEACHER TRAINING

Mentor Teacher training continues throughout the spring. Nearly 500 mentor teachers across the state and faculty from several preparation providers are taking part in this statewide mentor training. Materials from mentor trainings can be located on the [mentor teacher webpage](#). The Department has provided preparation providers with a list of attendees for mentor recruitment. Upcoming dates include:

| | Cohort #1 | Cohort #2 | Cohort #3 | Cohort #4 | Cohort #5 | Cohort #6 | Cohort #7 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Sessions 3 & 4 | Jan. 25-26 | Feb. 5-6 | Dec. 18-19 | Dec. 13-14 | Jan. 10-11 | Jan. 8-9 | Jan. 8-9 |
| Sessions 5 & 6 | Feb. 26-27 | Feb. 22-23 | Feb. 26-27 | Feb. 15-16 | Feb. 22-23 | Feb. 20-21 | Feb. 28-Mar. 1 |
| Location | New Orleans | Baton Rouge | Lafayette | Ruston/Shreveport | Alexandria | Alexandria | Alexandria |
| Cohort Name | K-5 General | K-5 General | K-5 General | K-5 General | Secondary Math | Secondary ELA | Secondary General |

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions regarding Mentor Teacher training.

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TRAINING FOR THE NEW CHILD CARE CIVIL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM WEBINAR

University programs and their Human Resource staff are invited to attend the upcoming Child Care Civil Background Check System webinars on **Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.** These webinars will include the same information on how to log in, set up an account, apply for a background check, monitor the background checks, get results, and check eligibility. Please keep in mind, the background check changes will go into effect on **March 1, 2018**.

Please use the following information to join the webinars:

Meeting Name: Training for the New Child Care Civil Background Check System

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

To join the meeting: <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/earlychildhood/>

Audio Access: Toll access number (Toll): 1-646-307-1380, Toll free access number (Toll Free): 1-855-240-2575

Please contact [Valerie Black](#) for more information about Child Care CBCs.

DATA EXCHANGE UPDATE

The Department is excited to provide an update around data exchange. **You will be receiving your 2014-2015 program completer data in February.**

This data includes:

- 2017 Data Dashboard (with 2014-2015 program completer data)
- 2014-2015 program completers' employment and effectiveness* data

*Teacher-level effectiveness available for those who returned signed consent forms

You will receive an email with additional information prior to releasing your data onto your FTP.

Please email believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

EDUCATOR RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

On December 11, **the Department announced that Louisiana State University (Cain Center) and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette have been selected to co-chair the Louisiana Educator Research Consortium.**

Congratulations to these institutions.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Louisiana State University (Cain Center) will now begin the work of establishing the Consortium. Details regarding how to join the Consortium will be released this winter. The first meeting will take place in early spring. For more information about the Louisiana Educator Research Consortium, please click [here](#).

IN THE NEWS:

[UL Lafayette, LSU Tapped to Lead State Teacher Preparation Research](#)
[LSU, Louisiana-Lafayette to Receive \\$25,000 to Research Teacher Prep](#)

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