



LSU Shreveport ANCHORs Residents



The primary goal of LSU Shreveport's Project ANCHOR (Alliance of Navigation, Collaboration, High-level Organization Residency) is to develop teachers who are responsible professionals through a purposefully sequenced variety of courses and clinical experiences. Pictured from left to right are residents at Plantation Park Elementary (Sarah Beatty, Bridget Brown, Emily McDill, Katelyn Carr) and Rusheon Middle School (Anthony Snow and Rachael Chauvin).

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- February 21-23: Regional Support Meetings (see below for dates, times, and locations)
- February 2-April 2: Program approval submission timelines (see below for dates)
- March: 2018-2019 Mentor Teacher nomination process begins
- March 1: Child Care Criminal Background Checks go into effect for all early learning centers
- March 12: BESE considers allocations for January-start residents and mentors (Administration and Finance Committee)
- May 29-June 1: 2018 Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit

BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

Currently approved teacher preparation providers must demonstrate alignment to new policies by July 1, 2018.

Assurances

Teacher preparation providers that are aligning their programs to the new program design and practice experiences outlined in Bulletin 996, Chapter 7 Subchapter C, will submit a set of assurances to the Department; BESE will receive those assurances.

Innovative model

Teacher preparation providers may seek BESE approval to offer an innovative residency model that does not meet the minimum residency time requirements but meets a specific workforce need and includes high-quality clinical experiences.

Upcoming program alignment deadlines:

Request Type	Submission Deadline Dates	BESE Considers
Assurances for alignment	March 2, 2018	April 17, 2018
	May 4, 2018	June 19, 2018
Innovative model proposals	February 2, 2018	April 17, 2018
	April 2, 2018	June 19, 2018
Initial request (current providers)	February 16, 2018	April 17, 2018

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

In response to the November regional support meetings, the Department has created a dedicated webpage for preparation providers on [Louisiana Believes](#). This page will include pertinent information for preparation providers, including a link to the Believe and Prepare Newsletters, as well as information regarding the teacher preparation program approval processes.

Please refer to the [Educator Preparation Providers](#) webpage for more information.

Please contact ariel.murphy@la.gov if you have any questions about or suggested edits to the webpage.

BELIEVE AND PREPARE FUNDING

Believe and Prepare Grants

All 2017-2018 Believe and Prepare grants are allocated and accessible in eGMS. **As a reminder, all 8(g) funds must be spent by June 15, 2018.** All federal funds (IDEA, TIF, Title I 1003(a), Title II) must be spent by September 30, 2018.

January Data Collection Process

The Department has conducted 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. Allocations for these stipends will be brought to BESE for approval at the **March 12** Administration and Finance Committee 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 Student Center Building, Live Oaks Conference Room
- Friday, February 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Southeastern University, CATE Educational Center, 1200 N. General Pershing Dr., Hammond, LA

If you have not already done so, please complete [this survey](#) to RSVP.

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

MENTOR TEACHER TRAINING

Mentor Teacher training continues throughout the spring. 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 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.

2018-2019 MENTOR TEACHER NOMINATION TIMELINE

March 5, 2018	LEAs have access to Mentor Teacher training nomination document
Week of March 5, 2018	Webinar for LEAs on the nomination process
March 13-15, 2018	Attend Collaboration Sessions to learn more about the 2018-2019 Mentor Training
March 26, 2018	Deadline for LEAs to submit Mentor Teacher training nominees
April 20, 2018	LEAs receive notification of their nominees acceptance to training

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TRAINING FOR THE NEW CHILD CARE CIVIL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM WEBINAR

School systems with licensed early learning centers, university programs and their human resource staff, and those offering services to early learning centers 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 login, 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 **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. / 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

For more information about Child Care CBCs, please email Valerie Black at LDEchildcareCBC@la.gov.

DATA EXCHANGE UPDATE

Earlier this year, preparation providers received a [Data Sharing Agreement](#) that enables the Department and the Board of Regents to share data with providers on a routine basis. Signatories to this agreement receive effectiveness, employment, and retention data for their candidates and program completers on an annual basis. Additionally, if candidates sign a permission form, teacher preparation programs will receive teacher-level effectiveness data.

On **February 2**, your **2015-2016 program completer file** was provided for you to validate. This was delivered via the FTP along with a guiding document for how to validate the data. The deadline for dropping your validate file onto the FTP is **February 21, 2018**.

We are excited to announce that you will be receiving your **2014-2015 program completer employment and effectiveness data** the week of **February 19, 2018**. This data, along with information about validating and understanding the data, will be dropped onto your FTP.

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*

Please email BelieveAndPrepare@la.gov with questions.

TITLE II PASSAGE RATE RESOLUTION PERIOD

The resolution period for the 2016-2017 report began on February 2, 2018. Preparation providers will have until February 28 to submit passage rates corrections. The Department and the Board of Regents will share a guiding document and conduct a call on **Friday, February 16 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** to support providers throughout this process.

Meeting Name: Title 2 - Passage Rate Resolution Period

Date & Time: Friday, February 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Audio Access: 1-888-398-2342

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