



SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUTH IN LOUISIANA BY:

SUPPORTING AN INCLUSIVE PLAN FOR JOB AND LIFE PREPARATION IN SCHOOL

Our state needs to develop a comprehensive plan, inclusive of youth participants, to address job and life preparation while in school. We must prepare our youth to lead productive lives by providing them with adequate resources to become future leaders, voters, and role-models. We must encourage young people to continue and complete their education after high school. Schools need to develop a relationship with employers, civic groups, and public or private organizations. Those partnerships will help the youth develop skills required in the job market, as well as make their educational experience relevant to the world of work.

THE CURRENT PICTURE...

- According to a national survey taken by Achieve Incorporated, 40% of the nation's high school graduates say that they are inadequately prepared to deal with the high demands of employment and secondary education.
- U.S. Department of Education states that 70% of Americans will study at a 4-year college, but less than 2/3 will graduate.
- America's Health Rankings reported Louisiana has the 5th lowest high school graduation rate in the United States.
- According to a survey taken by College and Career Readiness, only 45% of high school students feel they are ready for college and careers.
- The survey that was taken by College and Career Readiness also reported that 87% of students feel that their schools are not helping them enough to prepare for life after high school.
- Louisiana Believes shows 11 Jump Start teams are covering about 50 of the 70 public schools in the state.

AS YOUNG PEOPLE OUR HUMBLE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE...

- Partner with organizations that offer volunteer work opportunities.
- Encourage summer internship opportunities.
- Financially support leadership and mentorship programs where youth are matched with professionals to guide and give advice on careers and education.
- Host career and college workshops and conferences for high school students.