



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Welcome to the call for proposals for the Louisiana Department of Education's inaugural Early Childhood Conference – Powering Up Early Childhood 2022! Conference dates are July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for sessions that meet the needs of directors, childcare providers, families, and classroom supports.

Sessions should provide participants the option to choose from a diverse set of topics aligned with LDOE's Early Childhood Believe to Achieve Priority Focused Areas.

We are seeking proposals focused on the topics of:

- Strengthening the child care system to meet the needs of all families and support the stabilization of the child care sector.
  - **Linkage to LDOE Priority:** Cultivate high-impact systems, structures, and partnerships.
- Expanding supply of and access to high-quality early childhood options for families and to identify opportunities to sustain that expansion long-term.
  - **Linkage to LDOE Priority:** Remove barriers and create equitable, inclusive learning experiences for all children.
- Preparing and supporting teachers to lead classrooms and provide high-quality interactions that meet the developmental needs of all children every day.
  - **Linkage to LDOE Priority:** Provide the highest quality teaching and learning environment from birth through graduation.
- Empowering families to access tools and resources to support their children's development.
  - **Linkage to LDOE Priority:** Remove barriers and create equitable, inclusive learning experiences for all children

We encourage infusing family and community considerations into your proposals. We also invite other related topics, as applicable to the conference theme – “Powering Up Early Childhood.”

Sessions will be held in person and should be 60 minutes in duration and offered at least twice. A limited number of sessions requiring more than one hour can be programmed over multiple session slots. Average session size is expected to be 50-75 attendees.

All presentation proposals are due by Friday, April 22, 2022, submitted via the link posted at <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/early-childhood-conference-2022>. Applicants will be notified by Friday, May 13, 2022. Registration will be waived for two presenters per accepted session.

All session materials must be received by June 15, 2022.

### **Terms and Guidelines:**

- Applications must be submitted through the Whova app
- LDOE will not cover or reimburse travel charges for presenters
- All session materials are the responsibility of the presenter(s)