

Believe & PREPARE

PREPARING LOUISIANA'S NEXT GENERATION EDUCATORS



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THE TEAM MODEL EXPANDS ACROSS THE I-20 CORRIDOR IN 2017-2018



Louisiana Tech's College of Education provided an overview of the TEAM Model to its 70 senior clinical residents at the "Big Reveal!" See [News and Opportunities](#) below for more details about this exciting event.

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- Aug 1: [High-cost needs](#) application released
- Aug 16: BESE considers formula funding for preparation provider transition coordinator and US PREP partnership
- Aug 17: Mentor Teacher Training and Data Collection Webinar [Option 1 of 3] 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Aug 18: Mentor Teacher Training and Data Collection Webinar [Option 2 of 3] 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Aug 21: Mentor Teacher Training and Data Collection Webinar [Option 3 of 3] 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Aug 23: Deadline for preparation providers to submit an application for [Believe and Prepare: Early Childhood Cohort 3](#)
- Aug 25: Deadline for preparation providers to submit a high-cost needs application
- Late August: Regional Believe and Prepare meetings for preparation providers
- Sept 30: Deadline to expend 2016-2017 IDEA, TIF, Title I 1003a, and Title II Believe and Prepare transition funds
- Oct 18: BESE considers allocations for formula funding for mentor and resident stipends and for high-cost needs

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BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

ACTION ITEM: HIGH-COST NEEDS APPLICATION DUE AUGUST 25, 2017

The Louisiana Department of Education is releasing the application for Believe and Prepare high-cost needs. *Any* BESE-approved preparation provider may be eligible for supplemental funding of up to \$20,000 to support the following activities:

- Accelerated design, approval, and/or launch of aligned programs;
- Essential, unique, high-cost needs that must be met in order to successfully transition programs and obtain BESE approval.

The high-cost needs application should be submitted via email to believeandprepare@la.gov as a PDF document. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2017. Click [here](#) to access the application.

This application should be submitted by

- Preparation providers who did not apply for high-cost needs funding in 2016-2017 and would like to submit an application for 2017-2018 and/or 2018-2019 funding
- Preparation providers who submitted an application in January 2017 and requested funds for 2017-2018. If you submitted a high-cost needs application in January 2017, you will only have to answer a limited number of questions in the application to indicate the continued need for funds and submit an updated signed assurances page

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions regarding the high-cost needs application.

ACTION ITEM: BELIEVE AND PREPARE REGIONAL SUPPORT MEETINGS

Based on provider feedback, 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. Upcoming meetings will be held in late August, October, February, and April.

Please respond to this [survey](#) by **Friday, August 4, 2017**, to communicate your availability and willingness to host the August and October meetings.

Please contact nicole.bono@la.gov with any questions regarding the high cost needs application.

ACTION ITEM: MENTOR TEACHER TRAINING

To ensure that yearlong residencies are successful, over the next three years Louisiana will establish a cohort of at least 2,500 trained mentors who are equipped to support yearlong residents and other new or developing teachers.

The Department will share details regarding statewide mentor teacher training through a webinar that will be offered on August 17, 18 and 21. During this webinar, district leaders and preparation partners will receive details about the collection of resident and mentor data that is required for formula funding allocations, and also the nomination process for mentor teacher training which will be held throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

Click on this [link](#) to register for a webinar date below.

Webinar information:

Thursday, August 17, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Link: <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/riunwc7jyea2/>

Call line: 1-855-240-2575 Participant PIN: 91287604

Friday, August 18, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Link: <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/rcyn5cvls0gu/>

Call line: 1-855-240-2575 Participant PIN: 91287604

Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Link: <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/r0fah0ona2na/>

Call line: 1-855-240-2575 Participant PIN: 91287604

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions regarding mentor teacher training.

UPDATE: FORMULA FUNDING

Each preparation provider has received a [memorandum](#) with clarification regarding formula funding timelines, funding sources, and processes. BESE will consider allocations for formula funding for the university transition coordinator at their August meeting. In addition, BESE will consider the allocations for preparation providers partnering with US PREP. We will provide updates to preparation providers at the August regional meetings regarding next steps for accessing these funds once BESE approves the allocation.

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

BELIEVE AND PREPARE: EARLY CHILDHOOD COHORT 3 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The Louisiana Department of Education has released a Request for Applications for [Believe and Prepare: Early Childhood Cohort 3](#). This application is for new or existing university or non-university preparation programs that are interested in designing an Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate Program to train and support child care teachers.

Programs that are selected for Believe and Prepare: Early Childhood Cohort 3 will receive grant funding and technical assistance to develop a proposal for an Early Childhood Ancillary Program. Believe and Prepare: Early Childhood Cohort 3 applicants are required to collaborate with their local Early Childhood Community Network on the development of their application. Applications are due on **August 23, 2017**.

LOUISIANA TECH HOSTS "BIG REVEAL"

With almost 150 residents and interns seeking initial certification in 2017-2018, Louisiana Tech's College of Education was busy during the week of July 24, 2017 providing an overview of the TEAM Model to its 70 senior clinical residents at the "Big Reveal!" The additional 80 MAT interns, under the direction of WeTeach Coordinator Melanie Gleason, have been meeting for several weeks now in preparation of their full-year clinical experience. Gleason has been aligning the new WeTeach program to the TEAM Model in collaboration with College of Education faculty. Another new, redesigned school TEAM in 2017-2018 is the A.E. Phillips Laboratory TEAM that will represent the elementary and secondary levels conducting action research to constantly improve the model.

Through a recent \$175,000 grant from the Louisiana Department of Education to expand clinical residencies, Dr. Dawn Basinger and Dr. Amy Vessel have trained more than 150 new mentors in these growing districts preparing them to host and serve as mentors for Louisiana Tech's teacher preparation program. Vessel, Director of the Clinical Residency Center, said it's too early to predict the impact this year's expansion across the I-20 corridor will have on the retention of graduates remaining in Louisiana to teach, but she is highly optimistic that the experiences gained from a full-year residency will impact the retention of graduates in the teaching profession.

RESIDENCY EXPANSION GRANTS AWARDED TO 13 TEACHER PREPARATION PROVIDERS

At their June meeting, BESE [awarded 13 educator preparation programs](#) a total of \$2.2 million in Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) and Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) funds to support residency expansion. Residency Expansion grants were awarded to preparation providers who established formal partnerships with school districts to prepare teachers for underserved students and schools through high-quality teacher preparation residency programs.

DEPARTMENT NAMES THE 2018 TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR STATE-LEVEL WINNERS

On Friday, July 28, 2017, the Department named the [2018 Teacher and Principal of the Year winners](#) at the [11th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala](#), cosponsored by [Dream Teachers](#). Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

2018 Teachers of the Year

- Kimberly Eckert, 2018 Louisiana State Teacher of the Year
- Rosemary Riggs Grimm, 2018 Louisiana Elementary School Teacher of the Year
- Marcy Mahler, 2018 Louisiana Middle School Teacher of the Year
- Angelina Drago, 2018 Louisiana High School Teacher of the Year

2018 Principals of the Year

- Thomas Byler, 2018 Louisiana State Principal of the Year
- Cleo Perry Jr., 2018 Louisiana Elementary School Principal of the Year
- Bobbye Jean Dickinson Delaney, 2018 Louisiana Middle School Principal of the Year
- David Gray, 2018 Louisiana High School Principal of the Year

Please visit the LDOE [Awards Programs page](#) for a full listing of all 2018 state-level honorees.

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