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Fall 2020 *Virtual* Counselor Institutes  
Part One

# Agenda

- Welcome
- Assessment and Accountability
- Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant
- Youth Challenge Program

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Welcome from State Superintendent  
Dr. Cade Brumley

# Assessment and Accountability

# COVID-19 Waiver

Students who were unable to take the LEAP 2025 high school assessments are exempt from the requirement for a subject-specific test **if**

- the student earned the credit for the high school assessment-eligible course in the spring of 2020, **and**
- the student has never taken the subject-specific test for that course in a prior administration

**Exemption is only for the subjects that qualify.**

# Student Growth Target Rosters

- 2020-2021 growth-to-mastery targets on ftp
- Skip-year model
- 2019 scale score for ELA and math determines 2021 target
- Students can also earn full 150 points for the school by scoring in top percentiles on VAM calculations
- [Student Progress Overview](#) document illustrates process

# Interests and Opportunities Indicator

- Interests and Opportunities roster on ftp
- Interests and Opportunities index is 5% of SPS
- [Interests and Opportunities](#) one-pager illustrates how points are awarded

Please reach out to the assessment team for support.

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# Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant



# Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant

The Louisiana Department of Education was awarded a \$7.5 million five-year federal grant to expand and deliver mental health services to students who are economically disadvantaged, academically struggling, and have experienced trauma.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the grant program is to enable preschool, elementary, or secondary students from an economically disadvantaged family who have experienced trauma and subsequently demonstrate academic, behavioral, attendance, or other issues at school to access trauma-specific treatment.

**Goal:** The goal of the grant program is to increase student wellness, adaptive student behavior, school safety and academic performance by supporting trauma-specific treatment.

# Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant

The Department is hosting an information session for school counselors at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 5.

**Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94993412600?pwd=aVNRclphWFF3U0tGVtB1RytuQVZkdz09>

**Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID#:** 949 9341 2600

**Password:** 458461

Please reach out to Anna Novogratz for more information about Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant.



# Youth Challenge Program

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*TIMBERLY DEVILLE  
EDUCATION COORDINATOR*

# ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

*CAMP MINDEN  
CAMP BEAUREGARD  
GILLIS LONG*

# WELCOME TO TODAY'S SESSION!

TODAY'S  
AGENDA



- 1 WHAT IS YCP?  
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- 2 ACADEMIC PATHWAYS  
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- 3 DATA  
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- 4 PARTNERSHIPS  
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- 5 WHAT'S NEXT?  
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# WHAT IS YCP?

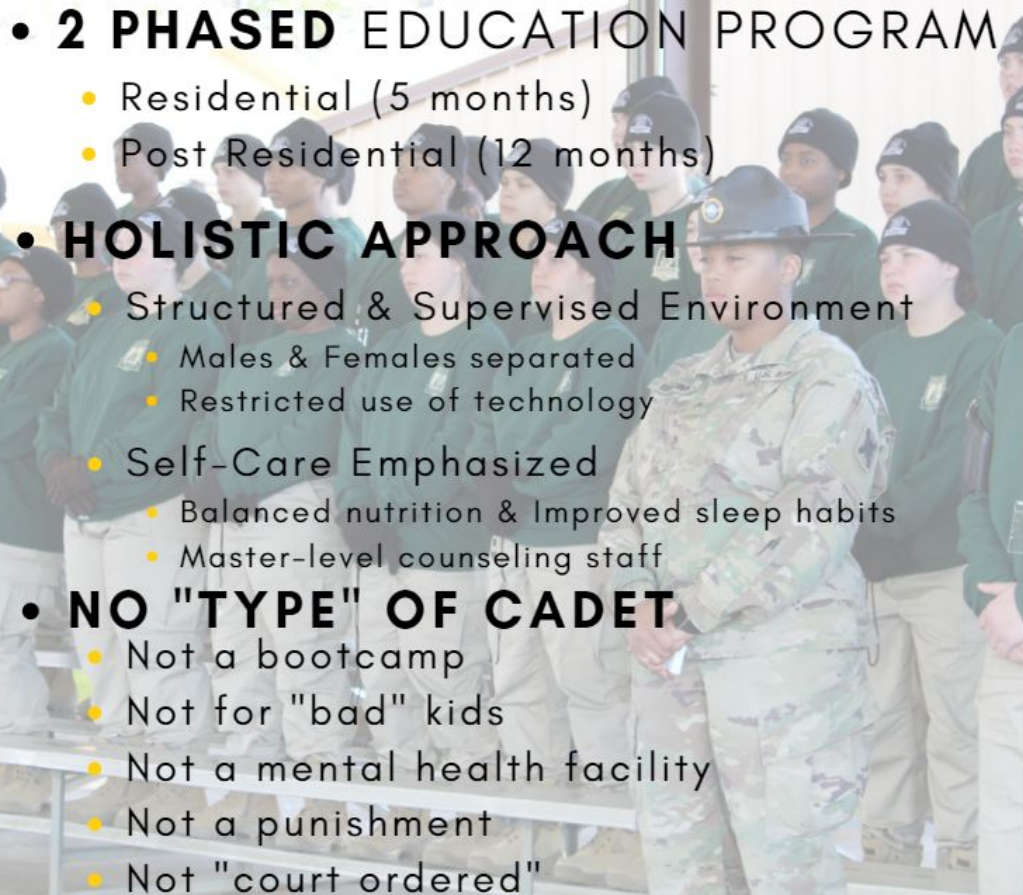


BRIEF  
INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16-18 year old "at-risk" youths, producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens.

# 8 CORE COMPONENTS

- \* Life Coping Skills
- \* Academic Excellence
- \* Job Skills Training
- \* Responsible Citizenship
- \* Leadership/Followership
- \* Health & Hygiene
- \* Physical Fitness
- \* Community Involvement

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- **2 PHASED EDUCATION PROGRAM**
    - Residential (5 months)
    - Post Residential (12 months)
  - **HOLISTIC APPROACH**
    - Structured & Supervised Environment
      - Males & Females separated
      - Restricted use of technology
    - Self-Care Emphasized
      - Balanced nutrition & Improved sleep habits
      - Master-level counseling staff
  - **NO "TYPE" OF CADET**
    - Not a bootcamp
    - Not for "bad" kids
    - Not a mental health facility
    - Not a punishment
    - Not "court ordered"

# ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

## HiSET

- \* No cost to students or schools
- \* Good fit for students who've historically struggled to find personal and academic success in traditional environments.
- \* Students prepare for HiSET testing
- \* Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) is used to measure academic progress

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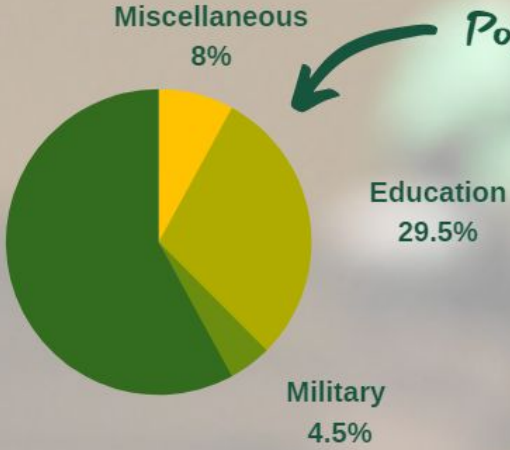
## COURSE CHOICE CREDIT RECOVERY

- \* No cost to students or schools (\$0 SCA!)
- \* Good fit for students who are motivated to earn high school diploma
- \* Opportunity to "catch up" or maintain current course load in a distraction-free environment
- \* STUDENTS ENROLL IN CCCR THROUGH COUNSELOR-RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY
  - \* YCP does not make pathway decisions for students
  - \* YCP relies on counselor expertise to verify courses



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**LOOK  
AT THESE  
NUMBERS**  
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CCCR Enrollments and CU's



Post-Residential Placement/Success

Total YCP Cadets Graduated:

**25,445**

CCCR Cadets Graduated since 2018:

**84**

Districts maintaining MFP:

**47**

HiSET Pass Rate:

**83%**

District Partnerships:

**17**



First Time Credit Courses

# BENEFITS OF DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS



## POINT OF CONTACT

With a YCP Protocol, your district will assign/choose a Point of Contact at the district level who will be able to assist you with "all things YCP."



## REFERRALS

If a student's enrollment or pathway changes, the counselor is notified - but only if a referral is in place.



## NO MORE DROPPING STUDENTS!

In 2018, LDOE put out guidance that no longer requires schools to drop students when coming to YCP - regardless of academic pathway!



## STREAMLINED PROCESS

Schools keep MFP, spend zero SCA dollars, and increase graduation rates

Does **YOUR** district have a YCP Protocol in place?

ACADIA, ASCENSION, CADDO, CALCASIEU, EAST BATON ROUGE,  
EVANGELINE, IBERIA, LAFAYETTE, LIVINGSTON, LINCOLN,  
MOREHOUSE, NATCHITOCHEs, OUACHITA, RAPIDES, ST. MARY,  
ST. TAMMANY, WASHINGTON

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# WHY REFERRALS?



Louisiana National Guard  
Youth Challenge Program  
Camp Minden ★ Camp Beauregard ★ Gillis Long  
505 "F" Street  
Pineville, Louisiana 71360-3737

## REFERRAL FORM Course Choice / Credit Recovery / HISET

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Student Entered 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Cohort Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Schedule:  Full Year  Block

Student's Current School Pathway:  Tops University  Jumpstart  HISET

Recommended YCP Education Pathway (SELECT ONE):  HISET  Course Choice / Credit Recovery

School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to YCP Education Coordinator (Timberly Deville) via email: [ycp.edcoordinator@lsg.gov](mailto:ycp.edcoordinator@lsg.gov) or fax: 318-290-5409.

★ The Youth Challenge Program does not exclude any person based on race, color, national origin, gender or religion.

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## THEY STREAMLINE COMMUNICATION

If we know who a student "belongs" to, we can be sure to send you all pertinent info! Enrollment letters, pathway notifications, transcripts, HISET info, etc. Referrals will get you the information you need.

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## THEY ACT AS ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Referrals are not cold-references! YCP referrals act as both records requests AND academic recommendations. Chances are, if a recruiter is asking you for a referral, the student has already interviewed AND been accepted into the program. This is where you use your expertise! Would this student be more successful on the HISET pathway or the CCCR pathway?

Referrals help with academic placement, but also help maintain lines of communication with schools and districts. Let us help you track your students!

*HEAR FROM A  
PARTNERING  
DISTRICT* →



*Kim Bennett, former Assistant Superintendent, Rapides Parish*

# WHAT'S NEXT?

GILLIS LONG  
INTAKE  
JANUARY 3,  
2021



CAMP BEAUREGARD  
INTAKE  
JANUARY 10, 2021



CAMP MINDEN  
INTAKE  
FEBRUARY 14,  
2021



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## JOB CHALLENGE PROGRAM

YCP Graduates are eligible to apply to the Job Challenge Program located in Carville, Louisiana. Here, Trainees are given the opportunity to learn a trade such as CNA, welding, automotive, and culinary.

# MEET YOUR RECRUITERS

**CORTNEY ALSTON**



**ERIN LEDET**



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# SUMMARY <sup>OF</sup> TODAY'S SESSION

## RECAP 1

YCP is a great alternative pathway to success for ALL students!

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## RECAP 2

Two academic pathways - HiSET and CCCR. LDOE allows schools to keep these students enrolled regardless of pathway.

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## RECAP 3

Referrals and protocols allow YCP to be a partner in education. Utilizing both allow schools to track their students, receive important documents, and maintain MFP and SCA funds.

03

## RECAP 4

District recruiters are your gateway to the program! If you have any questions, reach out to your district's recruiter.

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# THANK YOU FOR JOINING TODAY'S SESSION



Contact us through social media!



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