



# ELLEVATE

## LOUISIANA

### 2024 Health & Wellness Policy Statements

#### **Behavioral Health**

Ellevate Louisiana supports the establishment of holistic Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) and funding for youth services and statewide crisis stabilization.

#### **Child Abuse/Neglect and Foster Parents**

Ellevate Louisiana supports DCFS and LDH in the implementation of the Whole Health Louisiana State Plan, DCFS Secretary's efforts to make reforms within the agency to increase the number of foster homes within the state and to improve the communication between DCFS and these Foster Families, and Louisiana's Child Ombudsman.

#### **Domestic Violence**

Ellevate Louisiana requests the continuation of funding (\$7M) for domestic violence victims from the 2023 budget and requests additional funding for mental health and trauma-informed care for those that have suffered the effects of domestic violence.

#### **Long-Term Care**

Ellevate Louisiana supports the use of \$2.7m of the Community Options Waiver Fund to provide new home and community-based supports for our senior citizens.

#### **Increasing Medicaid Rates**

Ellevate Louisiana supports the updating of Medicaid reimbursement rates. Some of these rates have not been adjusted in over a decade, creating inadequate reimbursements to healthcare providers and thus a shortage of providers, resulting in lack of access to care. A healthy population supports a vision of a productive Louisiana.