

## 2024 Workforce & Higher Education Policy Statements

## Workforce Shortages

Ellevate Louisiana supports efforts to alleviate workforce shortages in our state, arising primarily from low workforce participation rates, through apprenticeships, workforce development, and K-12 career readiness programs such as Dual Enrollment and Apprenticeships. This support includes expanded funding for the MJ Foster Promise Program as well as additional funding to maximize access to Dual Enrollment.

Furthermore, Ellevate supports efforts by the Louisiana Workforce Commission to centralize the delivery of business workforce solutions through collaborative partnerships among the various workforce and educational agencies of the state, including Board of Regents, LCTCS, LED, the Department of Education, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and DCFS.

## **Higher Education**

Our system of Higher Education underpins all our workforce development efforts. As our state nears its budgetary fiscal cliff in 2025, we believe that it is of utmost importance that funding for Higher Education remains stable with room to grow to support our workforce needs and the goals of Pathway to 2030 put forth by the Board of Regents.