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2025 Policy Positions

Workforce & Higher Education

Louisiana Workforce Commission & DCFS Restructuring

Ellevate Louisiana supports the “one-door” approach proposed by the Louisiana Workforce Commission, recognizing its potential to streamline access to employment services and social support services. It is our hope that this becomes a person-centered model that connects individuals to training, childcare, and other resources that reduce barriers to work and promote self-sufficiency. Incorporating reporting requirements to highlight the model’s outcomes and cost savings would strengthen transparency and demonstrate its impact.

We advocate for a balanced workforce strategy that includes expanding eligibility for training opportunities like the MJ Foster Promise Program which equip individuals with the relevant skills to thrive in the workforce. In addition, we support raising the minimum wage and increasing the earned income tax credit to better support working families and ALICE populations amid rising costs of living.

Work Based Learning

Ellevate Louisiana supports work-based learning initiatives and the use of tax credits and grant incentives to empower employers to hire more apprentices, interns, and youth workers. Strengthening these opportunities equips students with real-world skills, helps them make informed career decisions, and eases their transition into higher education or the workforce. By fostering school-business partnerships and offering financial incentives, we can better connect classroom learning with practical experience—benefiting both students and employers.