

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 49

OFFICE OF LOUISIANA YOUTH FOR EXCELLENCE

- WHEREAS,** the citizens of the State of Louisiana face many challenges, including high rates of teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections;
- WHEREAS,** many Louisiana adolescents remain poorly informed about consequences of being sexually active, including pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections; and
- WHEREAS,** access to abstinence based educational programs, mentoring and counseling will encourage Louisiana's youth to abstain from sexual activity.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- SECTION 1:** The Office of Louisiana Youth for Excellence (LYFE) is reestablished and recreated within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor, Office of Community Programs;
- SECTION 2:** The goals of the Office of LYFE shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- A. Promoting positive youth development by teaching goal setting, leadership development, character building, and integrity in school settings and after school programs;
 - B. Mitigating the effects of at-risk behaviors for the youth of Louisiana;
 - C. Reducing the incidence of sexual activity among the youth of Louisiana;
 - D. Reducing the rate of sexually transmitted infections among the youth of Louisiana;
 - E. Lowering the pregnancy rate among the youth of Louisiana; and
 - F. Lowering the number of high-school drop-outs related to at-risk behaviors in Louisiana.
- SECTION 3:** The duties of the Office of LYFE shall include, but are not limited to the following:
- A. Applying for and receiving funding for the development and administration of the Office of LYFE from public and private sources;
 - B. Providing youth with support to build character, integrity, and excellence by promoting positive messages of youth development and educating as to the dangers of at-risk behaviors;
 - C. Providing parents with information supporting their role as the primary educator of family values;
 - D. Coordinating with appropriate organizations and other public agencies to achieve the goals outlined in Section 2;

- E. Promoting character qualities and human skills that promote responsible and productive values in children; and
- F. Developing an aggressive campaign targeting adolescents ages 12-19 and parents that will build awareness of the consequences of at-risk behaviors and reinforce positive youth development.

SECTION 4: The Office of LYFE shall be directed by an executive director who is designated by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The executive director shall be responsible for administering, overseeing, and evaluating the programs of the Office of LYFE in a manner which facilitates the accomplishment of the program's duties and goals, as set forth in Sections 2 and 3.

The executive director, upon request, shall submit an annual comprehensive report to the Governor which addresses the fulfillment of the Office of LYFE's goals, as set forth in Section 2 of this Order, and its duties, as defined in Section 3 of this Order.

SECTION 5: The Office of LYFE shall be permitted staff and resources to fulfill the goals, duties, and responsibilities specified in this Order. It shall be permitted to accept the efforts of volunteers in accordance with state law.

SECTION 6: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized to cooperate with the Office of LYFE in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 7: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

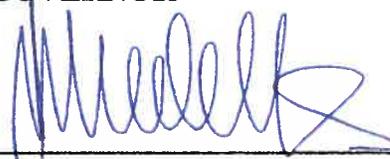


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 5th day of August, 2016.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE