



READY LOUISIANA COALITION

What Can You Do About Early Care and Education this Election?

The 2019 state elections, with the primary on **October 12** and the runoff on **November 16**, are a critical opportunity to educate candidates for Governor, the Legislature, and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education about the need to substantially increase access to quality early care and education for Louisiana's working families, **especially for children under age four.**



Work to have all candidates for Governor, the Legislature and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education **include a plank in their platforms on Early Care and Education.**

(See Platform Plank on Early Care and Education and Candidate Platform Request at www.policyinstitutela.org/take-action)



Have your organization sign onto the Joint Statement of Support for Inclusion of Increased Investment in Quality Early Care and Education in Candidates' Platforms and add this information to your website.

(See the Joint Statement of Support at policyinstitutela.org/take-action and contact Christy Marino/Christy@jeffersonchamber.org or Libbie Sonnier-Netto/lsonnieretto@policyinstitutela.org)



Include questions about this issue in Candidate Questionnaires, Debates, Forums, and Local Events.

(See Questions for Candidates on Early Care and Education at policyinstitutela.org/take-action)



Leverage media and social media to make early care and education a priority in the state elections.

(See materials at policyinstitutela.org/take-action)



Educate candidates about the need for increased access to quality early care and education for working families.

See Policy Brief: Early Care and Education in Louisiana and Maps of Early Ed Programs by Parish at policyinstitutela.org/take-action)

Ready Louisiana is a bi-partisan, statewide coalition of businesses, advocacy organizations, early care and education professionals, parents and citizens seeking sufficient investment in quality, affordable early care and education in Louisiana.

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