

2018-2019 COLLABORATIVE GRANT RESULTS

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Ending poverty and creating pathways to prosperity for all cannot happen without systems-level change and proactive collaboration.

United Way of Southeast Louisiana created collaborative grants to encourage collaborative approaches to addressing poverty that bring together the skills, expertise, and resources of community leaders, companies, and nonprofits.

Collaborative grant initiatives must meet funding criteria and have measurable outcomes, with continued funding contingent on progress reports submitted by the grant committees.

For more information about our collaborative grants, visit UnitedWaySELA.org/Community-Partners.

LOUISIANA PRISONER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE*

The Louisiana Prisoner Re-entry Initiative aims to enhance public safety by implementing a seamless plan of services and supervision developed with each offender – delivered through state and local collaboration – from the time of their incarceration through their transition, reintegration, and aftercare in the community.

2018-2019 Results:

- Jefferson Parish and St. Tammany Parish
 - Developed parish steering teams and transition teams with working groups
 - Housing, employment, healthcare, etc.
- Identified assets, barriers, and gaps in the community, resources, and funding
- Hired two Community Coordinators
- Contracted with Social Worx to provide technical assistance and best practice knowledge
- Developed relationships, processes, protocols, and procedures with the Plaquemines Parish Detention Center to conduct prison in-reach
- Secured a \$250,000 Community Incentive Grant from Department of Public Safety & Corrections, matched by UWSELA, for Jefferson Parish (Currently received NOFA grant for \$200,000 for St. Tammany)
- Worked to improve data sharing access/information sharing: recidivism data summary; pipeline data; intermediate performance expectations; time-to-failure analysis protocol and LA-PRI evaluation guide
- Funding Partners Include:
 - Catholic Charities – intensive case management, transitional employment, family reunification, and emergency assistance
 - Justice Accountability Center/Southeast Legal Services – civil legal services
 - Louisiana Public Health Institute – evaluation and time-to-failure study

NEW ORLEANS CAMPAIGN FOR GRADE-LEVEL READING*

The New Orleans Campaign for Grade-Level Reading aims to develop a citywide, cross-sector campaign on grade-level reading by promoting school readiness and quality teaching, tackling chronic absence, improving summer learning, and engaging parents as their children's first teachers.

2018-2019 Results:

- Established an Executive Committee, grew its steering committees, and launched three working groups
- Grew city's investment in quality early care and education from \$0 in 2017, to \$750,000 in 2018, to \$3 million in 2019
- Launched School Attendance Task Force and drafted a work plan to map out priorities and strategies to help children get to and stay in school
- Implemented second year of Kay Fennelly Summer Literacy Institute to 20 summer camps serving 1,200+ kids

See our full results at UnitedWaySELA.org/impact

*Now functions as a UWSELA Internal Initiative

ENDING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH SYSTEMS CHANGE COLLABORATIVE

The Ending Homelessness Through Systems Change Collaborative aims to end homelessness for chronically homeless individuals and homeless families.

2018-2019 Results:

- Revitalized the Advocacy Committee to work with federal, state, and local officials for more resources to end homelessness and provide more affordable housing
- Hosted two-day Homelessness Urgent Action Lab resulting in four key recommendations from national experts on how to continue decreasing homelessness; culminated with the creation of the Problem-Solving Housing Crisis Resolution Pilot Program
- Permanently housed 217 chronically homeless persons with disabilities and accessed services for 1,080 homeless individuals
- 24 households assisted with Rapid Resolution (shelter diversion)

NEW ORLEANS TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOLS LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

The New Orleans Trauma-Informed Schools Learning Collaborative aims to provide support to schools as they transform school climate to become trauma-sensitive and build schools' organizational capacity to implement, sustain, and improve the delivery of trauma-focused services.

2018-2019 Results:

- Hired a new collaborative director
- Leveraged funding from UWSELA and Department of Justice to develop a train-the-trainer model – an eight-day course that works to certify schools and/or networks to carry out implementation strategies for trauma-informed schools
- Hosted two one-day professional development trainings on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as it relates to trauma-informed care
- Conducted a trauma-informed care training/refresher for schools
- Provided individual consultation on race and equity
- Developing a trauma-informed toolkit for schools who want to be more trauma-informed

NEW ORLEANS WORKS COLLABORATIVE

The New Orleans Works Collaborative aims to increase family economic security by supporting workforce partnerships to meet the needs of employers and low-skilled workers.

2018-2019 Results:

- Worked with major health systems (Ochsner, VA, LCMC, and Daughters of Charity) and training providers (Delgado CC and Fletcher Technical CC)
- Enrolled 514 individuals - 451 have graduated from NOW funded training programs with a 90% retention rate
- Ochsner work yielded: pay increase for 400+ medical assistants; revised hiring practices for persons with criminal records; establishment of a workforce development department; and expansion of NOW model to Baton Rouge and Shreveport
- 69 participants graduated from the LCMC Health/Champ program
- 6 individuals achieved a credential in the MLT Ready program, an effort between LCMC and Ochsner to train medical laboratory technicians

NEW ORLEANS YOUTH PROGRAM QUALITY INITIATIVE (NOLA-YPQI)

The New Orleans Youth Program Quality Initiative (NOLA-YPQI) aims to improve the quality of youth development programs in New Orleans to improve healthy developmental outcomes for children and youth related to school success, leadership, and life skills.

2018-2019 Results:

- Supported over 85 youth-serving organizations
- Cumulative instructional score for YPQI organizations increased from 3.48 to 3.57 out of 5 and remains higher than the national average of 3.18
- Trained 438 youth development professionals
- Reached an additional 17 youth-serving organizations
- Rolled out the Soul Rebels Professional Development Series, which focuses on racial equity, trauma-informed approaches, and healing justice
- Reached 650 community members through the "Tell It Like It Is" event centered on youth voices and perspectives on policy/advocacy initiatives
- Launched New Orleans Youth Leadership Fellowship to prepare youth for board service and as consultants for youth-serving organizations

YOUTHFORCE NOLA

The YouthForce NOLA collaborative aims to increase the percentage of New Orleans graduates who have access to the information, support, and experiences necessary to pursue and succeed in the post-secondary pathway of their choice and continue on to a well-paying career.

2018-2019 Results:

- Built new dimensions of strategic alignment and backbone efforts, including policy subcommittee
- Collaborated with 24 open enrollment schools and one special program
- Progressed in direct data gathering with schools systems; data efforts will lead to a full-time data strategist role
- On-boarded a full-time Director of Policy
- 266 members achieved meaningful work experience: 196 participants in the YouthForce Internship program in summer 2018 + 42 seniors in collaborative partner efforts + 28 participants in the Jump Start Summers Program
- 439 students earned industry-based credentials in high-wage, high-demand industry clusters