

## Louisiana Pathways Early Learning Center Career Development System Overview

**Louisiana Pathways Early Learning Center Career Development System** is a statewide program designed to help early learning center employees receive the recognition they deserve and to improve quality of child care in Louisiana. Louisiana Pathways does not conduct training, but instead provides a means of tracking education and experience by providing registries for both early learning center staff and early care and education trainers.

### Pathways promotes:

- ◆ Creating a quality workforce for early childhood programs by encouraging and supporting early childhood as a career.
- ◆ Reducing turnover in the field.
- ◆ Increasing the quality of programs for young children by raising the level of education for all early learning center staff so children in Louisiana will have quality caregivers.

### Components of Louisiana Pathways:

- ◆ Career Development Section
- ◆ Scholarship Section
- ◆ Trainer Approval Section
- ◆ CLASS Registry Section

Participation is voluntary and there are no fees for enrolling. However, individuals **MUST** be enrolled to be eligible for Louisiana's School Readiness Tax Credit for Directors and Staff.

