

Ready Louisiana Coalition

Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 8:30 am CT

Please introduce yourself in the chat box.
The meeting will begin at 8:31.

Today's Agenda

1. **Legislative Updates**
 - a. **Federal Updates**
 - b. **State Updates**
2. **Early Ed Day at the Capitol**
3. **Communication Updates**
4. **Open Discussion**

Legislative Updates

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Federal

- **Budget Reconciliation:** Budget reconciliation is a congressional process that sets funding rules for mandatory spending programs. Both chambers of Congress have agreed to the budget blueprint, unlocking the next phase of the reconciliation process — drafting legislative text and directing committees to find roughly \$4 billion in spending cuts over a decade. The House committees have started meeting and plan to have a vote on the House floor before the Memorial Day recess from May 26-30.
- **FY25-26 Appropriations:** Congress has also begun planning for FY26 appropriations, which will impact discretionary grants and programs. Federal grants and programs like CCDBG, TANF, and Head Start are funded through annual appropriations. The president is expected to send his full budget proposal to Congress any day now, but released a [“skinny” budget](#).
 - *HHS Secretary Kennedy testified yesterday indicating that the Administration intends to maintain funding for Head Start*

Legislative Updates

State

- Money bills have been placed on special order for today.
 - House convenes at 11 AM
 - ECE investments have been held to the same amount as last year's investment at \$78 million; there has not been any additional investment made by the House.
 - The Revenue Estimating Conference should be scheduling a meeting soon.
- Rep. Emerson's bill rewriting Article VII of the Louisiana constitution has made it to the Senate and is awaiting committee referral.
- All hemp bills have been deferred.
- Rep. Riser's gaming bill is on hold as they work some things out.
 - Efforts to get a reduction in the tax rate percentage and find a compromise.

Legislative Update Questions?

Early Ed Day at the Capitol - Tuesday, May 20th

- Please remember to wear navy and green, so you are easily recognized as part of our group!
- Schedule:

9 AM – 9:45 AM Press conference/briefing in the Governor's Press Room

Livestream available on Facebook (Louisiana Policy Institute for Children's page)

9 AM – 3 PM Tabling in the Memorial Hall (the rotunda); attend committee meetings; greet legislators
Let us know if you have secured meetings with your legislators

10:30 AM Group coalition photo on the Capitol steps

11 AM – 1PM **LOCATION CHANGE:** A.Z. Young Park (in front of the Pentagon Barracks)

2 PM Resolution to be read in the House and Senate

Early Ed Day at the Capitol - Tuesday, May 20th

- Please sign up to receive text message alerts on Early Ed Day
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90%

of brain development takes place between birth and age four, shaping a child's brain for future success or failure in school, work, and life.

\$1.3 B 2 in 3

is lost every year due to Louisiana employers' Child Care issues and lost workforce productivity and participation

parents with young children are in the workforce and unable to access child care because costs are more than \$7,500 a year.

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Communication Updates

- Session cadence emails
- Let us know if there are any events that you would like to invite Ready La. to

**Thank you for joining and for your
commitment to early care and education
for young children in Louisiana!**

Open Forum

Any questions? Please contact: info@readylouisiana.org