2023 Legislative Wins

Early Care & Education in the State Budget
Provides $52 million in new funding for early care and education and a $100 million increase for the Department of Health. Special thanks to Representative Zeringue, who authored the bill HB 1.

Local Tax In Monroe City
Authorizes the Monroe City School Board to levy an ad valorem tax for the purpose of funding early childhood care and education. Special thanks to Representative Moore, who authored the bill HB 56.

Doula Maternity Supports
Provides relative to maternity support services of doulas. Special thanks to Representative Willard, who authored the bill HB 272.

Early Care and Education Commission & Early Care and Education
Provides relative to the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission. Special thanks to Representative Freiberg, who authored the bill HB 338.

Public Schools Transitioning Children from EarlySteps
Provides relative to pupil appraisal and services for children transitioning from EarlySteps to services provided by the local public school system upon their third birthday. Special thanks to Representative Phelps, who authored the bill HB 387.

Newborn’s and Their Health
Provides relative to cytomegalovirus (CMV) testing for newborns. Special thanks to Representative Horton, who authored the bill HB 643.

Medicaid Reimbursements for Licensed Midwives
Provides relative to Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by a licensed midwife or certified nurse midwife. Special thanks to Senator Barrow, who authored the bill SB 135.

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Children’s Advocacy
Creates the Office of the State Child Ombudsman and the state child ombudsman. Special thanks to Senator Barrow, who authored the bill SB 137.

Creating Accessibility During Public Meetings
Provides for meetings of boards and commissions via electronic means. Special thanks to Senator Hewitt, who authored the bill SB 201.

Improving Data Systems at the Louisiana Department of Education
Requests the Louisiana Department of Education to update its early childhood care and education data management systems. Special thanks to Representative Brass, who authored the amendment HCR 43.

Extending Pregnancy Coverage
Urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health to amend the state Medicaid plan to extend pregnancy coverage. Special thanks to Representative Knox, who authored bill HR 273.

LDH Improving Maternal Outcomes
Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to convene a task force to make recommendations regarding nursing involvement to improve maternal outcomes. Special thanks to Senator Carter, who authored bill SCR 20.

Extend Pregnancy Coverage to Mothers At or Below the Federal Poverty Level
Urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health to amend the state Medicaid plan to extend pregnancy coverage to individuals at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. Special thanks to Senator Duplessis, who authored resolution SR 145.

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