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FUNDING THE FUTURE

EARLY CHILDHOOD OPPORTUNITIES

Access to quality early childhood education and childcare is the single biggest indicator of future educational success and worker retention. Louisiana passed legislation to restructure and improve early childhood options, but changes have been largely unfunded.

How could the next governor and a newly elected Board of Elementary and Secondary Education alter the early childhood arena? If funds do come, what should be prioritized? How can improving early childhood programs improve the state's educational outcomes, workforce availability and overall economic outlook?

Louisiana Public Square looks for answers on a special town hall presentation, "Funding the Future: Early Childhood Opportunities" airing Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. on LPB HD. (Recording Tuesday, October 20 at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts Theater from 7- 8 p.m.)

Our panelists are:

- **Teresa Falgoust**, KIDS COUNT Coordinator, Agenda for Children
- **Kristi Givens**, Childcare Provider with Kids of Excellence
- **Stewart T. Gordon, M.D.**, Louisiana Healthcare Connections
- **Derek Little**, La. Dept. of Education, Deputy Director, Early Childhood
- **Rep. Walt Leger, III**; D-New Orleans, House Speaker Pro Tempore

LPB will be recording "Funding the Future: Early Childhood Opportunities" Tuesday, October 20 at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) from 7-8 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and close at 7 p.m. Members of the public are encouraged to attend. Register here:

<https://form.jotform.com/form/52793342588972>

The format of the program will be a town hall discussion so audience members may have the opportunity to address questions to the panelists.



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