



United Way  
of Northeast Louisiana



# COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

Children, Youth and Young Adults Successful in School and Life

Economic Opportunity for All

Healthy and Safe Individuals, Families and Community

## GOALS

### 1. Children enter school ready

- Promote social, emotional, cognitive, and physical readiness of children entering the educational system.
- Increase access to affordable, high quality early childhood development options.
- Equip families with the knowledge and skills to support child development.

### 2. Students are successful in elementary school and prepared for middle/secondary school

- Provide support to students struggling with reading, math and technology.
- Improve access to out-of-school care and educational programs.
- Ensure families are equipped to support student success

### 3. Youth gain the knowledge, skills and credentials so that they are prepared for the workforce and able to obtain family sustaining employment

- Increase students' interest in school by helping them develop career interest and understand the post high school training requirements.
- Improve on-time secondary school graduation rate.
- Support evidence-based workforce readiness training program for youth ages 16-24.
- Provide support for disconnected youth and young adults.
- Engage and empower families to promote student success.

## GOALS

### 1. Individuals and families have adequate and sustainable resources to support their needs

- Provide support for the whole continuum of housing from the chronically homeless to working with families to satisfy all household needs.
- Households have access to affordable transportation that enables and empowers them to achieve their financial stability goals.

### 2. Individuals and families have the skills, knowledge, relationships and economic pathways they need to effectively increase and manage their income

- Help individuals have the knowledge, skills and support to make choices that increase their financial stability and advance their economic mobility.
- Collaborate to support job training opportunities, including vocational education apprenticeships, on-the-job training and certification.

### 3. Vulnerable populations maximize their ability to live with independence and dignity

- Provide supportive services to ensure adults can live independently to the extent possible.

### 4. People/organizations continue to work together to support a thriving, prosperous, robust economy

- Support and engage in the continuing Community Conversations with business, governmental and community members on economic development opportunities.

## GOALS

### 1. Families/Individuals live in a healthy and safe environment

- Improve healthy lifestyles through affordable programs aimed at improving nutrition and physical activity.
- Increase resources available for families/individual's mental health and substance abuse needs, assessments and interventions.
- Collaborate to address gaps and improve access to necessary health care services.
- Decrease violence, neglect, abuse through prevention, awareness, and support programs.
- Enhance and increase safe places to exercise and play in neighborhoods.

### 2. People/organizations work together to strengthen and build a more inclusive community

- Engage Community Conversations.
- Lead or support collective impact initiatives.
- Increase corporate and individual volunteer engagement

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