

Louisiana Association of Federal Education Program Administrators (LAFEPA)

Charting the Course: Innovation and Insight in Federal Program Initiatives

2025 Fall Conference:

Crown Plaza Hotel and Conference Center - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

October 29, 2025 – October 31, 2025

Appropriate Cruise/Travel attire is acceptable Wednesday and Friday; Thursday – Professional Dress Only.

Wednesday, October 29, 2025			Location
8:00 a.m.	Exhibitor's Setup		
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Conference Registration		Lobby
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Opening General Session		
	Welcome Greetings	Wendy Marchand, LAFEPA President	Grand Ballrooms
	Color Guard Presentation/ Invocation		
	Introduction of Honored Guests	Wendy Marchand, LAFEPA President	
	Greetings from Local Officials		
	Overview of Conference	Shelley Gill, LAFEPA Vice-President	
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Part I:	Dr. John Hodge	Grand Ballrooms
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Exhibitors' Visits/Break		
2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Part II:	Dr. John Hodge	Grand Ballrooms
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Vendor Carnival		Grand Ballrooms
Thursday, October 30, 2025			
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet		Grand Ballrooms
8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Final Amendments to the UGG and How It Affects LEAs Federal Program Updates Regarding ESSA and IDEA Funding	Tiffany Kessler, The Bruman Group, PLLC Kelly Christiansen , The Bruman Group, PLLC	Grand Ballrooms
10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Exhibitors' Visits/Break		Grand Ballrooms
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESEA Recent Guidance Funding the High School Experience Parent and Family Engagement: Strategies for Compliance that Leads to Success Empowering English Learners through Technology: Tools and Strategies for Educators Comparability 	Tiffany Kessler, The Bruman Group, PLLC Kelly Christiansen , The Bruman Group, PLLC Tireka Cobb, LDOE Melody LaFleur, District Family and Community Coordinator/ Christy Patrick, District Family Liaison (Allen Parish) Drs. Bonnie Chelette and Alexandra Chenevert, LDOE Tasha Anthony and LDOE Team	Cypress I (75) Mississippi – Delta (50) Cypress II (75) Samuel Clms-Natchez (50) Bayou-Levee (50)

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Business Meeting/Luncheon		Grand Ballrooms
1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating LEA Policies and Procedures LDOE Early Childhood Language and Literacy Strategic Plan Parent and Family Engagement: Strategies for Compliance that Leads to Success 2026-2027 Super Application Launch Funding the High School Experience 	Tiffany Kessler, The Bruman Group, PLLC Kelly Christiansen , The Bruman Group, PLLC Karen Powell/Brittany Cochran, LDOE Melody LaFleur, District Family and Community Coordinator/ Christy Patrick, District Family Liaison (Allen Parish) Jodi Crockett, LDOE Tireka Cobb, LDOE	Cypress I (75) Mississippi – Delta (50) Samuel Clms-Natchez (50) Cypress II (75) Bayou-Levee (50)
3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions III: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common LEA Monitoring/Audit Findings and How to Avoid Them IDEA Updates/Important Information 2026-2027 Super Application Launch English Language Learner Updates Comparability 	Tiffany Kessler, The Bruman Group, PLLC Kelly Christiansen, The Bruman Group, PLLC Lauren Well and LDOE Team Jodi Crockett Melanie Mayeaux, LDOE Tasha Anthony, LDOE	Cypress I (75) Mississippi – Delta (50) Cypress II (75) Samuel Clms-Natchez (50) Bayou-Levee (50)
4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Round Table Discussion: Directors' and Federal Program Supervisors' Meeting	LAFEPA Membership, Bruman and LDOE	
Friday, October 31, 2025			
7:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet		Grand Ballroom
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Title IV Needs Assessment	Julie Wright	Grand Ballroom
9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	LDOE Programmatic and Fiscal Updates	Bernell Cook/Randy Littleton/Kenya Jenkins	Grand Ballroom
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Closing Comments	Wendy Marchand, LAFEPA President	Grand Ballroom

PLEASE NOTE: Due to unforeseen issues/circumstances, topics and/or presenters may be subject to change prior to the conference.