

Current Louisiana Progress Update

Over the past two years, the State of Louisiana Department of Education has taken the following steps to implement their design for a Comprehensive Learning Supports System with the goal of going to scale.

After sharing the Louisiana Design for Learning Supports widely throughout the state, the department has followed up with districts who have indicated they are ready to move forward. This has followed a pattern of sharing the information with each district superintendent and leadership team (leadership training), then moving to professional development for school staff (Principals, support staff, teachers).

In one district, this has involved a restructuring of the district office to move toward a Learning Support division.

Opportunities to integrate Learning Supports into broader initiatives are constantly explored:

- > Intradepartmental (e.g., Statewide System of Support, School Improvement, College and Career Readiness)

- > Interdepartment (e.g., System of Care, Juvenile Judges Association)

Awareness is continuously enhanced through presentations to education staff (e.g., Louisiana Federal Program Administrators, Louisiana School Counselor's conference).

Positions for Regional Learning Supports Facilitators have been created. Professional development for section staff has been planned.