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## Louisiana Workforce Commission Is Now Louisiana Works, Complete With Bold Vision for Economic Empowerment

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – Louisiana Workforce Commission officially transitioned October 1, 2025 to **Louisiana Works**, marking a transformative shift in how the state delivers workforce and social services. This rebrand represents more than a new name, it signals a fundamental reimagining of government service delivery designed to empower Louisiana's people, strengthen businesses, and drive economic prosperity across the state.

"Louisiana works—for its businesses, its people, its future," said Secretary Susana Schowen. "We're not just changing our name; we're changing how government works for Louisianans. By bringing workforce services and social assistance under one roof, we're eliminating barriers and creating clear pathways from dependence to independence."

### A New Approach: One Door, Many Resources

Louisiana Works is further pioneering the groundbreaking "One Door" model, consolidating fragmented workforce services into a unified, customer-centered system. With the goal being for Louisianans to access comprehensive support through a single point of entry consisting of one application, one location, one case manager who addresses both immediate needs and long-term career goals.

The integration brings together three core service areas:

- **Unemployment Insurance** – Temporary financial assistance while seeking employment
- **Workers' Compensation** – Benefits and support for workplace injuries
- **Workforce Development** – Job training, placement assistance, and career advancement programs

Additionally, Louisiana Works will phase in select programs currently administered by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), with full TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) integration completed by October 2027.

### Putting People First

"We're centered around the people we serve, not programs," Secretary Schowen emphasized. "Whether you're a job seeker, an injured worker, a business owner looking for talent, or a family needing temporary assistance, Louisiana Works meets you where you are and walks with you into what's next."

The new agency structure will enable:

- Seamless coordination between benefit programs and employment services
- Personalized pathways tailored to individual circumstances
- Elimination of duplicate applications and redundant office visits
- Faster connections to training, jobs, and economic opportunity



## Economic Impact and Innovation

Louisiana's transformation positions the state as only the second in the nation to fully integrate welfare and workforce systems. This evidence-based approach has demonstrated measurable results in reducing poverty and unemployment while strengthening state economies.

"This is about making Louisiana the premier destination for businesses to start and succeed, for talent to stay and thrive, and for workers to find great opportunities," said Governor Jeff Landry. "Louisiana Works proves that innovative, efficient government can create real results for our people."

The initiative directly addresses Louisiana's economic challenges: while thousands of jobs remain unfilled across the state, too many families struggle with poverty. Louisiana Works bridges this gap by connecting people with the skills training and support services they need to access meaningful employment.

## Built to Last

The phased implementation over the next two years reflects Louisiana's commitment to building a system designed for lasting success rather than quick fixes. This systematic approach ensures:

- Uninterrupted service delivery during the transition
- Proper training for staff across all service areas
- Technology systems that support seamless integration
- Measurable goals and accountability structures

DCFS will now focus exclusively on its core child welfare mission, while specialized agencies handle workforce and health services more efficiently, a realignment that benefits both agencies and the Louisianans they serve.

For more information about Louisiana Works, visit [laworks.net](http://laworks.net) or call **(225) 342-5917**.

## About Louisiana Works

Louisiana Works is Louisiana's comprehensive workforce resource, transforming lives by connecting people to meaningful employment opportunities and empowering businesses with skilled talent. Through integrated service delivery, Louisiana Works eliminates barriers and streamlines access to unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, workforce development and family support services—proving that when we work for people, Louisiana works.

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