



BELIEFS + VALUES = OUR INTEGRITY
(what we say) (what we invest in) (how closely the two align)

VISION STATEMENT

New Orleans is a city where the full self-expression, leadership, creativity, and culture of all children and youth comes together to create a true community where everyone succeeds.

This is who the children and youth of New Orleans are, and this is where we are going:

- We are community builders. Regardless of the communities we come from, our backgrounds, or the schools we attend, we are part of the solution, not the problem.
- We have experiences, we face problems, and we come up with creative solutions. These are all valid. We are worthy of being heard and included.
- There is no future for New Orleans without us.
- We can define our own story, and our story of New Orleans must reflect our contribution and leadership. The story must be for us, about us, by us.
- We recognize as a city that each generation has its movement that is advanced by youth leaders. Today, our generation sets the stage for the next one to come.
- The children and youth of New Orleans are not broken or damaged. We can rise above circumstances and have the ability to define our own path. We are beautiful. We believe in our healing, our restoration, and our future.
- New Orleans children and youth represent a powerful, unified, diverse, socially conscious, intelligent network, capable of working with adults to lead New Orleans in becoming a more compassionate, just, and equitable city.