

STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 94 - 30

- WHEREAS:** Louisiana and the entire nation face a rising violent crime problem; and
- WHEREAS:** the families of Louisiana and the entire nation suffers as a result of rising violence; and
- WHEREAS:** providing early intervention, at the family level, has proven to be an effective deterrent to rising violence; and
- WHEREAS:** in 1992, New Orleans was one of only five (5) cities, nationwide, to receive a three-year Toyota Family Literacy Award from the National Center for Family Literacy; and
- WHEREAS:** over the past three (3) years, the program has achieved outstanding results for families who reside in high crime neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS:** the adults and children participating in the program made remarkable academic progress; and
- WHEREAS:** individuals engaged in the program who had earlier dropped out of high school went back to win scholarships to college; and
- WHEREAS:** many of those participating in the program who had been on welfare removed themselves from the welfare rolls; and
- WHEREAS:** the children participating in the program have neither been required to repeat a grade nor become involved with law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS:** President of Toyota Motor Corporate Services of North America, Mr. Kumio Shimazu, and President of the National center for Family Literacy, Ms. Sharon Darling, acknowledged the New Orleans effort s one of the more successful in the nation;

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The creation of a statewide Family Literacy Advisory Council.

SECTION 2: The council shall be composed of thirteen (13) members who shall be appointed as follows:

- A. One member, from the Louisiana House of Representatives, shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House.
- B. One member, from the Louisiana Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate.
- C. The Executive Director of the Office of Lifelong Learning shall chair the council and shall appoint:
 1. The Secretary of the Department of Social Services or her designee;

2. The State Superintendent of Education or his designee;
3. The President of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or his designee;
4. A representative of the business community;
5. A representative of organized labor.
6. A community-based organization leader.
7. The Director of Gheens Foundation For Education and Community;
8. The Director of the Lindy Boggs Center;
9. The Director of the Office of Rural Development
10. A representative of the National Center for Family Literacy.

SECTION 3: All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

SECTION 4: The members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their services, members shall serve at their own expense.

SECTION 5: The duties and functions of the council shall be as follows:

- A. To develop a comprehensive Family Literacy Plan for Louisiana by June 30, 1995.
- B. To assist in the organization of a Louisiana Family Literacy Leadership Conference by June 30, 1995.
- C. To assist in the organization of a Louisiana Family Literacy Teleconference by June 30, 1995.
- D. To work with the Office of Rural Development and The Gheens Foundation to implement a statewide pilot project family literacy program.

SECTION 6: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with Family Literacy Advisory Council in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 7: The provisions of this Executive Order are effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, or rescinded by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of August, 1994.



Edwin Edwards
 GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
 THE GOVERNOR**

Joseph P. Keithen
 SECRETARY OF STATE