

# Bread or Stones Campaign

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## Handy Links for Many Options

on the **Bread or Stones Covenant**

Quick references for opportunities for your mission to improve child-well being.

Listing is based upon **suggestions** for congregations to consider as outlined in the BREAD OR STONES COVENANT.

### 1. Service

- **Pay for pre-natal vitamins for those who can't afford them**

- i. Partnership For Prescription Assistance Program: <http://www.pparx.org> 1-888-477-2669: assists families with pharmaceutical programs to get their medications free of charge.

- **Work with the Health Department to organize immunization days at church**

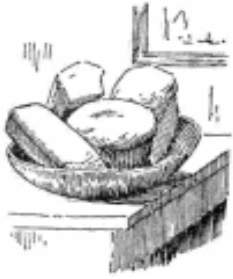
- i. <https://linksweb.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov/linksweb/main.jsp> is the link for the Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide, a program of the Louisiana Office of Public Health

- **Sponsor a Safe Families for Children program**

- i. <http://www.safe-families.org>
- ii. Child Abuse Reporting Hotline: Office of Community Services (OCS): to make a complaint call: 1-855-452-5437: they investigate cases of child abuse and neglect.
- iii. Early Steps Intervention program: <https://www.laeikids.com> provides services to families with infants and toddlers aged birth to three years (36 months) who have a medical condition likely to result in a developmental delay, or who have developmental delays. These services are provided in the child's natural environment, such as the child's home, child care or any other community setting typical for children aged birth to 3 years
- iv. Domestic Violence: 1-888-411-1333 or <http://ladv.org/programs-resources/> call or look online for a list of available shelters for victims of domestic violence.
- v. Homeless Coordinators: 1-877-453-2721 (call to find the number for your area of the state): if a child is homeless, the child has the right to continue his/her education at the school he/she was attending before becoming homeless. The homeless coordinator will insure that all arrangements (such as transportation to and from the new home, school supplies, school uniforms, etc.) are taken care of to ensure the continued education of the child.
- vi. Safe Haven / Department of Children and Family Services Louisiana is a Safe Haven State. Safe Haven provides a safe, legal, last resort to the abandonment of a child. [www.louisianasafehaven.com](http://www.louisianasafehaven.com)

- **Sponsor parenting education classes**

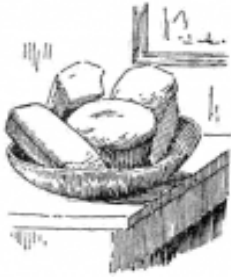
- i. <https://www.fatherhood.gov/for-dads/connect-with-programs/louisiana>
- ii. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/oro/louisiana-healthy-marriage-and-responsible-fatherhood>



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- iii. <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1094> is a link to the LA Department of Health and Hospitals parent support program
  - **Offer Church after school and summer tutoring programs**
    - i. <http://findyouthinfo.gov/youth-topics/afterschool-programs> is a website coordinating all federal programs dealing with many youth issues in addition to after school programs.
    - ii. <http://findyouthinfo.gov/youth-topics/mentoring> is a website coordinating all federal programs dealing with many youth issues in addition to mentoring programs.
  - **Organize business and professional mentors/tutors for high school students**
    - i. <http://findyouthinfo.gov/youth-topics/mentoring> is a website coordinating all federal programs dealing with many youth issues in addition to mentoring programs.
    - ii. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/my-brothers-keeper> to promote health children
  - **Sponsor a Back to School Supplies drive**
    - i. <http://createthegood.org/toolkit/how-hold-school-supply-drive> from AARP
    - ii. [https://s3.amazonaws.com/unway.3cdn.net/18aa738557546fd7df\\_sqm6vd717.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/unway.3cdn.net/18aa738557546fd7df_sqm6vd717.pdf) from the United Way
  - **Start a Family Literacy Program with books for children**
    - i. <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oss/esres.html> has resources about the Even Start program for family literacy
    - ii. <http://www.atyourlibrary.org/connectwithyourkids/reading-together/prime-time-family-literacy> is the Prime Time literacy program at your local library
    - iii. <http://www.leh.org/category/prime-time/> grants through the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities
  - **Sign up Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) at church**
    - i. <http://www.projectappleseed.org> is a non-profit national campaign for public school improvement and helps citizens get involved in their schools
    - ii. <http://fccbrla.org/vips/> see how the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Baton Rouge volunteers
  - **Start a Class A licensed day care**
    - i. <http://www.laccrra.org>
    - ii. HeadStart: <http://www.louisianaheadstart.org/> a comprehensive family-focused child development program that offers education, health (including medical and dental assessments and nutrition) parental involvement and social services for low income families and their children.
    - iii. <https://pathways.nsula.edu/home-louisiana-pathways-child-care-career-development-system> is the statewide portal for child care professional development
  - **Sponsor budget/money management classes for parents and teens**
    - i. Budget or Credit Counseling: The National Foundation For Credit Counseling: 1-800-388-2227 <http://www.nfcc.org> they offer no cost budgeting and credit counseling. Fees may be incurred if they are needed to assist in consolidation of bills or other similar services.
  - **Develop responsible father programs**
    - i. <https://www.fatherhood.gov/for-dads/connect-with-programs/louisiana>



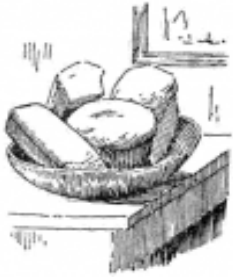
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- ii. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/oro/louisiana-healthy-marriage-and-responsible-fatherhood>
- iii. Child Support: <https://cafe-cp.dcf.la.gov/selfservice/> applications for child support can be made online. This site also allows parents to check on the status of their child support.
  - **Make referrals to adoption programs**
    - i. <http://www.dcf.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=375> is the link to the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services Adoption program
  - **Make referrals to post-abortion healing programs and crisis pregnancy centers**
    - i. <http://www.crossroadsprc.org> is one such example
  - **Create support services for 18 year olds “aging out” of the foster care system**
    - i. <http://findyouthinfo.gov/youth-topics/transition-age-youth> is a website coordinating all federal programs dealing with many youth issues in addition to “aging out” problems
  - **Make church available for AA/NA meetings**
    - i. [www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/starting-a-new-aa-group](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/starting-a-new-aa-group) from Alcoholics Anonymous – how to start an AA group
  - **Create community gardens**
    - i. <https://communitygarden.org/resources/10-steps-to-starting-a-community-garden/>
    - ii. <http://www.mggno.com/projects> is the
  - **Volunteer as a congregation with a denominational social service agency like Catholic Charities, UMCOR, Lutheran Social Services, Baptist Community Ministries, Episcopal Social Services, etc**
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Education

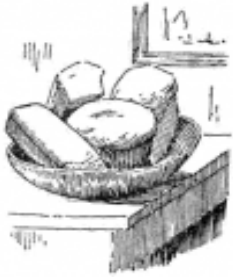
- **Distribute pre-natal and child health information on:**
  - i. **Smoking Cessation**
    1. [http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic\\_information/health\\_effects/pregnancy/](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/health_effects/pregnancy/) information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - ii. **Dangers of drug and alcohol use**
    1. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/pregnancyandsubstanceabuse.html> is the link to the National Institutes of Health
  - iii. **Importance of pre-natal vitamins and health care information**
    1. <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/414/n/263> is the website to begin your search for resources in your community
    2. <http://womenshealth.gov/publications/our-publications/fact-sheet/prenatal-care.html?from=AtoZ> is the website for the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Women’s Health
  - iv. **Importance of immunizations**
    1. <https://linksweb.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov/linksweb/main.jsp> is the link for the Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide, a program of the Louisiana Office of Public Health



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- v. **Helping children with autism, dyslexia, eating disorders, depression, bullying, etc**
  - 1. [http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=Child\\_and\\_Adolescent\\_Action\\_Center&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=23448](http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=Child_and_Adolescent_Action_Center&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=23448) is the National Alliance on Mental Illness resource page
  - 2. <http://www.mentalhealth.gov/talk/parents-caregivers/> is the US Department of Health and Human Services
    - **Pass out applications for enrolling in or applying for:**
  - i. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**
    - 1. WIC (Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children): call to find a WIC office in your area of the state: 1-800-251-2229: provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.
    - 2. <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/942>
  - ii. **LaMOMs no cost health insurance provided by Louisiana's Medicaid program for pregnant women**
    - 1. <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/231>
  - iii. **Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP) no-cost health insurance provided by Louisiana's Medicaid program to uninsured children up to age 19**
    - 1. <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/220/n/20>
    - 2. <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/medicaid/MedicaidEligibilityForms/MedicaidApplicationPub.pdf>
  - iv. **Other Medicaid Programs**
    - 1. <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/237>
  - v. **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) provides monthly benefits to help low-income families buy food**
    - 1. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program)/State Childcare Assistance/Child Support: 1-888-524-3578: call to get a food stamp/SNAP application mailed to you or apply through the internet at [www.dss.state.la.us](http://www.dss.state.la.us)
    - **Sponsor teen pregnancy prevention programs**
      - i. <http://findyouthinfo.gov/youth-topics/teen-pregnancy-prevention> is a website coordinating all federal programs dealing with many youth issues in addition to teen pregnancy.
      - **Educate church members about child poverty in Louisiana**
    - i. <http://www.aecf.org> with articles and links about child well-being
    - ii. <http://www.aecf.org/work/kids-count/> is the annual data report of child well-being indicators and how each state measures us
    - iii. <http://www.labudget.org/lbp/2014/09/louisianas-poverty-and-child-poverty-rates-remain-high/> is the report from the Louisiana Budget Project
    - iv. <http://www.clasp.org/documents/CPPC-Implementation-Plan-2009.pdf> is the report commissioned by the LA Legislature in 2008 to reduce child poverty by 50% by 2018
    - v. <http://www.ifedgbr.com/files/poverty/governorsummit.pdf> results of the first and only Louisiana Solutions to Poverty Summit 2004



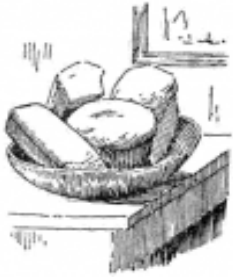
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- **Educate church members about child trafficking in Louisiana**
  - i. <http://www.traffickinghope.com> is a Louisiana non-profit dealing with child trafficking in our state
  - ii. <http://findyouthinfo.gov/youth-topics/trafficking-of-youth> is a website coordinating all federal programs dealing with many youth issues in addition to child trafficking
- **Distribute information and referral directories and resource lists in church**
  - i. <http://www.htdiocese.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=7+6QIFaJumw=&tabid=105> is an example of one such link. Local United Way agencies, Councils on Aging, Community Action Agencies and other non-profits often publish local referral directories or have them online.
- **Other**

## 3. Citizenship

- **Support increased state funding for**
  - i. **Child Protection Services**
    1. <http://www.dcf.louisiana.gov>
  - ii. **Nurse/Family Partnership Program (NFP)**
    1. Nurse Family Partnership:  
<http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org/locations/Louisiana/find-a-local-agency> is a program for first time mothers before the 28th week of gestation. It is designed to help new parents have a healthy pregnancy, prepare for labor and delivery, learn age appropriate developmental stages of children, and get the support they need.
  - iii. **Support funding for the child care assistance program (CCAP)**
    1. <http://www.dss.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&nid=199&pnid=158&pid=136> making child care affordable for working families
    2. <http://www.labudget.org/lbp/category/research/education/> research and articles from the LA Budget Project
  - iv. **Louisiana Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**
    1. <http://taxtopics.revenue.louisiana.gov/tag/eitc/> the tax explanation from the LA Department of Revenue
    2. <http://www.dcf.state.la.us/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&nid=15&pid=7&catid=0> links the LA Department of Children and Family Services
    3. <http://www.labudget.org/lbp/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/LBP-Report.-Louisianas-Earned-Income-Tax-Credit.pdf> report from the Louisiana Budget Project
- **Advocate with your school board for parenting education in schools**
  - i. <http://lapen.org> is the Louisiana Parenting Education Network
  - ii. <http://www.louisianapartnership.org> is the Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families
- **Help parents of special needs children find the right services**
  - i. <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1550> is a statewide guide to services for families of children with special needs



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- ii. <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1094> is a link to the LA Department of Health and Hospitals parent support program
- **Other Legislative advocacy issues:**
  - i. Support Louisiana Medicaid expansion
  - ii. Support payday lending reform legislation
  - iii. Support legislation to create a Louisiana minimum wage
  - iv. Support a progressive Louisiana tax structure
  - v. Support in increase in state funding to restore services to youth aging out of foster care
  - vi. Support funding for mental health services for children
  - vii. Support funding for substance abuse prevention and recovery
- **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Community

- **Organize a Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Network in your civil parish**
  - i. <http://gradelevelreading.net> is the national campaign website
- **Develop a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program**
  - i. <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers>  
this is a partnership between local communities and the IRS to provide free tax returns for low-income working families
- **Join or form a local children's coalition**
  - i. <http://www.louisianapartnership.org> is the Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families
  - ii. Search the internet using the term "Children's Coalition" followed by your section of Louisiana (e.g. Baton Rouge, Northeast Louisiana, etc)
- **Hold an annual Children's Sabbath**
  - i. Children's Sabbath: materials from the Children's Defense Fund to assist all faiths with worship services on the Children's Sabbath Sunday each October.  
<http://www.childrensdefense.org/programs-campaigns/faith-based-action/childrens-sabbaths/>
- **Other** \_\_\_\_\_