

A Legacy of Firsts



1896

First Settlement House in the South

1904

First playground and structured recreational activities for children, giving rise to NORD

1911

First home of classes for sight impaired in the state, giving rise to Louisiana's Lighthouse for the Blind

1927

First home of the Tulane School of Social Work, the fifth oldest in the country

1903

First free health clinic for women and children in the city

1907

First summer camp for New Orleans children and youth

1917

First training for nurses' aides in the state, becoming one of only two such schools in the country

1946

First recreation program in the city for African-American and white children in the same location

1957

Pool opened, becoming first integrated, public swimming pool in the city



We have the responsibility to continue to be good stewards of the extraordinary legacy of innovation and service we inherited.”

— Keith H. Liederman, Ph.D., *Chief Executive Officer*



1967

One of first Head Start programs in the nation

1985

First Family Preservation Services program in the South

2013

First Educare School in the Gulf South

2021

The most diverse delivery model of Early Childhood Education in the state

1964

First traditionally white serving agency to integrate ALL programs in the city

1973

One of first Adult Day Care programs in the state

2003

First Magic Johnson Technology Center in Louisiana offering free internet access to the community

2015

One of the first purpose built inter-generational facilities for seniors and children in the state