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***November is National Career Development Month***  
**Kingsley House unites Job Seekers and Industry Experts for**  
***Together! Stronger! Better!* at Kingsley House**

In recognition of National Career Development Month, Kingsley House will bring together education and training providers, employers, community organizations, funders and the local workforce for a week of workshops and programming, November 9-12, at its Gayle & Tom Benson Community Center, 1600 Constance Street, New Orleans.

*Together! Stronger! Better!* convenes partners in workforce development for strategic conversations, insights into the state of the local and state workforce landscape; and offers comprehensive onsite workshops, networking opportunities, virtual employer expo for job seekers. The week culminates with a luncheon on Friday, November 12th, with keynote speaker Ava Cates, Secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, and an overview of the local workforce landscape by Norman Barnum, Interim President & CEO of New Orleans Business Alliance (NOLABA).

The virtual Employer Expo hosted in partnership with the Louisiana Workforce Commission, is on Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Interested job seekers and employers can register at workshops on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.—both of which are free and open to the public. The luncheon is a paid, ticketed event. Local mandates regarding social distancing will be enforced, proof of vaccination is required, and masks must be worn.

Registration is required for all activities. Registration for the luncheon and workshops can be completed at [www.kingsleyhouse.org/togetherstrongerbetter/](http://www.kingsleyhouse.org/togetherstrongerbetter/). Registration for the employer expo can be done at [Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Workforce Development \(easyvirtualfair.com\)](http://Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Workforce Development (easyvirtualfair.com)).

*Together! Stronger! Better!* sponsorship opportunities are available; questions can be directed to Anthony Enterante, Kingsley House Annual Giving Director, at 504-523-6221, ext. 127 or email [aenterante@kingsleyhouse.org](mailto:aenterante@kingsleyhouse.org).

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***Together! Stronger! Better! Conference***

Renowned for its work and mission of educating children, strengthening families and building community, Kingsley House expanded its scope of services in late 2019 with its Kingsley Connections Career Pathways Program, just before the pandemic struck. Within 18 months, with support from funding partners, Kingsley Connections has established strategic training and community partnerships that have helped to link more than 100 families to career development, job training, and employment opportunities in high growth, living wage industries.

**About Kingsley House**

At Kingsley House, we envision a city and region where all young children are ready to succeed, and all citizens are healthy and economically stable. Recognizing that vulnerable families are at risk of being caught in an intractable cycle of poverty, we are committed to ensuring that individuals and families have the support necessary to be successful at all stages of life. To accomplish our goals, we join forces with dedicated community partners. Collectively, we work with families to fuel economic growth and social change in our city, state, and region.

Founded in 1896, Kingsley House's mission is to educate children, strengthen families and build community. A name change that reflects the organization's values and vision is forthcoming during its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration this year. For more information, visit [www.kingsleyhouse.org](http://www.kingsleyhouse.org).

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