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CAREER COMPASS

Louisiana Model Points to Student Success

Kacy Edwards and Julie Scott, co-founders and co-executive directors of the nonprofit organization Career Compass, created the organization for one reason: to help Louisiana's public high school students realize their highest potential. In five years, Edwards and Scott have quietly built one of the most effective "career coaching" models in the nation. More importantly, they have put thousands of students on the path to success.

The vision of the Career Compass model was developed through the founders' professional experience as high school teachers. After years of watching students who had great potential leave school and end up working in low-wage jobs, Edwards and Scott decided to act. As they put it, "We watched promising students leave with dreams that never came to fruition. Something as small as not having the money to pay an application fee kept kids from applying to a school or registering for the ACT."

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Employing 24 coaches -- all former educators -- the organization contracts with local school districts across the state to work directly with students and assist them in developing personal post-secondary and career plans. In addition to assisting seniors in completing a College Success Plan, Career Compass offers interest inventories, seminars, and other coaching services to students in grades 8th -11th.

The Career Compass Impact

- Working in 16 school districts and 47 high schools in the 2010-2011 school year, Career Compass assisted 6,500 seniors and 3,000 9th-11th graders.
- Over **99%** of all students Career Compass works with apply to a post-secondary institution, and over **80%** of them are still attending.
- **52%** of Career Compass students enter the community and technical college system.

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