**Statewide Mentor Network**

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**The Statewide Mentor Network, facilitated by LCEE, consists of business and industry members willing to serve as in-person or virtual mentors for your students.**

The Mentor Network enables Louisiana schools to implement innovative Jump Start opportunities- including credit-bearing courses like the Virtual Workplace Experience, and industry-bearing credentials, like the Micro-Enterprise Credential.

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| **Benefits to*****Mentors*** | * Mentors can provide high-impact help to students in a format requiring a very modest time commitment
* Mentors can develop a pipeline of future employees by sharing information about their industry
* Mentors can expand their brand and meet outreach goals, enhancing their workforce development efforts
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| **Benefits to*****Students*** | * Students practice and master essential employability “soft skills” by interacting with mentors
* Students engage with local and global industry experts from the career fields they most want to learn about
* Students who are unable to participate in internships can complete Virtual Workplace Experiences to earn academic credits that count as part of *every* Jump Start Pathway
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| **Benefits to** ***Teachers*** | * Mentors reinforce in-class training, helping teachers link academic and CTE content to real-world application
* Teachers can utilize industry professionals for student presentations, and as judges for class projects and competitions
* Louisiana teachers will be able to complete multi-industry Virtual Externships, as they engage with industry professionals themselves
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| **Benefits to*****Schools*** | * Mentor engagement enables students to complete courses that count as part of every Jump Start Pathway
* Mentor-driven courses enable districts and charter schools to earn additional CTE and CDF funding
* Mentor engagement is a critical component of Jump Start credentials like the Regional Micro-Enterprise Credential *(a low-cost, gender-neutral credential that every Louisiana student can attain.)*
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**Getting Started with the Mentor Network**

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| **Virtual Mentors:****Contact Nepris****C:\Users\Laura\Pictures\April Calendar\Turn-Key Financial Literacy $olution_files\nepris-logo.png** | 1. Go to <https://www.nepris.com/go/la>
2. Click on the “Sign Up” button
3. Fill in fields to create a profile
4. Click on “Create New Request *(please allow 3 weeks to match your request)*

Email support@nepris.com Call (855) 472-2567Access Help Videos <https://www.nepris.com/howtovideo> |
| **In-Person Mentors:****Use Your Contacts** | 1. Use your contacts: reach out to people you know and their spouses, and ask them to serve in-person, or request they register on Nepris
2. Enlist the assistance of your Principal, CTE, Coordinator, etc. who can issue a community-side Call to Action
3. Contact your local Chamber to make a presentation to members
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| **C:\Users\Laura\Pictures\April Calendar\Turn-Key Financial Literacy $olution_files\LCEE.pngMentor Recruitment: Contact LCEE** | 1. Contact Laura Smith at laura@lcee.org to request assistance identifying mentors from specific industry sectors
2. Contact Laura Smith if you would like LCEE to make a presentation to your local chamber to recruit in-person or virtual mentors.

Call Laura at (225) 241-1524 |