



Julia Webb Bland CEO, Louisiana Children's Museum

Julia Bland has served as CEO of the Louisiana Children's Museum for the past 19 years. The museum was selected as a winner of the IMLS 2015 National Medal, the highest honor for museums and libraries. She is the Past President of the Association of Children's Museums, and recently completed a six-year appointment to the National Museum and Library Services Board.



She serves on the 2018 Commission, organized to celebrate New Orleans' 300th anniversary. Julia is past-chairman of the America's Promise Alliance's New Orleans' Kids Partnership and past chairman of the Advisory Board of the Tulane Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. She has served locally on a city-wide Steering Committee and Coordinating Group for Fit NOLA, New Orleans' municipal childhood obesity plan, and statewide as a member of the Birth to Five Literacy Task Force for Louisiana. In 2013 she organized a first-ever museum trip to Reggio Emilia, Italy, to study the world renowned infant and toddler centers through a week long Study Tour. Additionally, she is leading the campaign for the Louisiana Children's Museum's move to a new campus in New Orleans City Park, which will focus holistically on early childhood development, health and well-being.

Julia was awarded the Colin and Alma Powell Legacy award, and is in the Hall of Fame as a CityBusiness Woman of the Year. Julia earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from Tulane University's Newcomb College.

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