

**7.) Youth Financial Education**

This program targets youth up to 18 years of age. Topics such as entrepreneurship and financial literacy are taught to the participants. They also learn the importance of team building , money management, and the proper handling of credit cards.

**8.) Youth Media Technology Program**

This initiative provides audio and video training to disadvantaged youth in the community. Youth are trained in the operation of camera equipment, script-writing, audio and video editing, and how to produce documentaries And commercials. The program has a leadership training component which teaches leadership principals and places students in active leadership roles.

**9.) Church and Community Flag Football League**

This newly formed program was created to mentor youth ages 8 to 18 years old. By utilizing the sport of flag football, young men are taught valuable life skill lessons and leadership skills. The program includes youth from various religious backgrounds and geographical locations in Northeast Louisiana.

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*“Taking Entrepreneurs  
to a Higher Level!”*

REVITALIZATION  
EMPOWERMENT  
NURTURING  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
WORKMANSHIP  
ACHIEVEMENT  
LEADERSHIP

**Renewal, Inc.** is a 501© (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to serving socially disadvantaged and economically depressed communities since 1998.

Our goal is to empower people to help themselves through training that will lead to overall personal and community achievement.

## Mission Statement

**Renewal's** mission is to foster Economic and social development to disadvantaged communities by:

- A. Teaching Entrepreneurial Skills
- B. Assisting with Small Business Start-ups
- C. Teaching Employment / Job Service & Computer Skills
- D. Teaching Personal Finance Skills & Financial Counseling
- E. Teaching Personal Responsibility & Social Etiquette to the Young
- F. Utilizing the Holistic Principle to Achieve Self-Sufficiency
- G. Assisting Residents with Homeownership

## Program Areas

### 1.) Business Resource Center

Renewal's Business Resource Center offers specialized services to entrepreneurs and community residents. The center provides hands-on technical support, a computer lab with Internet access, and a research area that provides various magazines and videos for small business owners.

### 2.) Entrepreneurship Training

As a collaborative effort with other organizations in the area, numerous participants have graduated and successfully completed the program. It is a 2-hour course taught by professors from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, as well as other instructors from the community. The course provides training on business management, writing a business plan, and running a successful small business. Program graduates are encouraged to attend The Fast-Trac Program offered by the University of Louisiana at Monroe's Small Business Development Center.

### 3.) Housing Initiative

1st Time Home-Buyers are provided an opportunity to attend an 8-hour course that provides access to financial counseling, access to bankers, realtors, mortgage lenders, and credit repair. Certificate of Completion are provided to all graduates of the program.

### 4.) Micro Loan Program

Renewal has established a Micro Loan Program that can lend up to \$10,000 per applicant. Entrepreneurs must submit a business plan along with an application which must be approved through the loan committee. Applicants are encouraged to go through Entrepreneurial Training before submitting required documentation. The loan is primarily for, but not limited to, candidates that don't qualify for the main stream banking system.

### 5.) Renewal Regional Community Building Program

The RRCBP represents a regional approach to combating a spirit of poverty and hopelessness which is so prevalent in our community. It is designed to assist faith-based and community-based organizations in our region. We will assist organizations through conferences, workshops, technology training, capacity building, organizational development, and provide funds and consultants to selected applicants.

### 6.) What's Happening Now! Radio Broadcast

Airing every Friday on 1680 A.M. Rejoice, this program aims to provide news and current events of the region from a positive perspective. Weekly topics include money management, the importance of homeownership, credit repair, social and economic development, community awareness, health issues, and much more.