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Luceia LeDoux is the director of public safety/governmental oversight grants for Baptist Community Ministries, a New Orleans foundation. She utilizes her twenty years of juvenile and criminal justice program experience in overseeing BCM grants and assisting others in the development of community projects focused on vulnerable populations. After Katrina, LeDoux was a loaned executive to a network of nonprofits providing recovery services.

Prior to joining BCM in November 2001, LeDoux was assistant Director of the Office of Social Service Research and Development (OSSRD) at LSU. She directed juvenile justice, corrections, addictions and mental health projects and community partnerships providing research, evaluation, technical assistance, specialized training and advocacy. LeDoux led development of the state's truancy prevention initiative aimed at identifying children displaying early patterns of school absence. The program now operates in 23 of the state's 64 parishes, and is still expanding. OJJDP has designated the program as a Promising Practice in the Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders.

In 2001 Ms. LeDoux was selected by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana as a Champion for Children and by the Young Leadership Council of New Orleans as a 2008 Role model. Ms. LeDoux currently serves on the Louisiana Public Defender Board by appointment from the Louisiana Supreme Court, and chairs the Budget Committee for the Board.