8-26-21 Louisiana Unemployment Update

I unfortunately get to be the bearer of bad news for some of you (thankfully many of you are working). Refiling may not be the smart thing for you to do right now. It may be best to wait until October so you can grab another quarter. Here's why and I've included an example and have color coded it for a little extra explanation.

To qualify- you must have at least ½ of Highest quarter in 1 or more Base Period quarters.

In this case, the highest QTR is \$11,443. They must have at least \$5,722 in Q1, Q2, or Q4 or combination of quarters. They only have \$3,391 in Q4 which makes them monetarily ineligible.

Below are the employers for which you earned income during your *Base Period of Monetary Determination*.

Weekly Benefit Amount: \$.00 Maximum Benefit Amount: \$.00

Employer	State Source	Q1 4/1/2020- 6/30/2020	Q2 7/1/2020- 9/30/2020	Q3 10/1/2020- 12/31/2020	Q4 1/1/2021- 3/31/2021	Total Wages	Wage %	SIDES
CAST & CREW PRODUCTION PAYROLL INC (4163250)	LA				\$3,391.00	\$3,391.00	22.860%	N
ENTERTAINMENT PARTNERS ENTERPRISES LLC, EP ENT (6502788)	LA			\$11,443.00		\$11,443.00	77.140%	N
Total				\$ <mark>11,443.00</mark>	\$3,391.00	\$14,834.00		

If you wait to apply for unemployment in October, they will be looking at different quarters. It would be 7/1/20 - 6/30/21. If you worked April – June of this year, it will help you reach those thresholds. Also, if you did not earn more than \$1200 in a quarter, it could not be considered a base quarter.

This was my response to my contact within LWC - So basically my people are screwed and not going to be eligible. Most went back to work in October of 20 and worked a bunch, then because there were so many issues of hospital overcrowding in January, they didn't go back to work until March.

Then I have the rest of them that didn't work but 1 or 2 days March 2020- March 2021. So they don't have any wages. I swear I'm going to start sending their bills to the legislators who forced Edwards' hand.

Let me know if you would like to start mailing them letters.