

LaCAN

Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

ACTION ALERT - Contact Governor Jindal to Support the Funding of DD Services



Act NOW to Voice Support for the Funding of DD Services

Today marks the end of the 2014 Legislative Session. The Louisiana Legislature passed the budget (HB1) with funding for all the items on LaCAN's advocacy agenda!!! Current State General Funding includes:

- \$12.1 Million to fill vacant waiver slots (for people with disabilities and the elderly) and create 200 additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots
- \$1.1 Million restored to the Individual and Family Support Program in the three lowest-funded areas of the state (Capital Area, Acadiana, and Florida Parishes)
- \$170,000 restored to nine Families Helping Families Centers across the state
- \$765,000 restored to La Rehabilitation Services

HB1 will now move to the Governor for his signature. He can sign the bill as is or make line item vetoes. The Governor has 20 days from receiving the bill to make his final decisions.

LaCAN has no reason to believe these items will be vetoed but it's always important for policymakers to hear from you on the importance of these services.

Send a message to Gov. Jindal NOW if you would like to thank him for including the waiver funding in his Executive Budget and voice your support for these other vital programs.

Contact Governor Jindal

The Governor can be contacted by completing a simple online form located [here](#)

STEP 1: Enter your name and contact information

STEP 2: Select "Health and Hospitals" from the topic drop down menu

STEP 3: Add your message in the comment box

- **Include in your message:** "Thank you for your inclusion of funding for waiver services in your Executive Budget. Please support the funding added by the legislature for the Individual and Family Support Program, Families Helping Families, and La Rehabilitation Services. These programs are vital in supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families throughout the state."
- **Personalize your message:** Share how these services have (or would) improve the quality of life for you and/or your loved one.

LaCAN members are encouraged to be respectful in all communication with policymakers. Maintaining positive relationships is key to our current and future advocacy efforts.

Confirm Your Action



Don't forget to let us know that you took action!

[Reply](#) to this email or notify your [LaCAN Leader](#) to confirm your action.

Why confirm your action? This helps us to know how effective we are in reaching you with this information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

Contact Us

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