

LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

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Action Alert - Governor Jindal's Executive Budget  
**February 15, 2010**  
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Governor Jindal's Executive Budget

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1. Contact Governor Jindal
2. Thank him for including needed reforms to the system serving people with developmental disabilities in his 2011 Executive Budget.
3. Thank him for including 150 additional NOW slots in his budget.
4. A Sample letter is included below that you should personalize.
5. Confirm your action by replying to this email.

Please [click here](#) to email Governor Jindal. Select "Health and Hospitals" under the topic pull down list.

## **Confirm your Action**

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Reply to this email to let us know you took action.

Sample Letter

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Dear Governor Jindal,

I fully support several proposed changes to the state's system responsible for serving people with developmental disabilities that are included in your FY 2011 Executive Budget. The closure of Northeast Supports and Services Center in Ruston and the transition of individuals with low support needs in the remaining centers to community-based services are two provisions that reflect best practice. Downsizing of these supports and services centers will allow savings to be realized now and in years to come.

Your commitment to re-investing these dollars in community services to address the needs of the thousands of individuals on a waiting list for home and community based services is greatly appreciated. Including funding for 150 additional New Opportunities

Waiver (NOW) slots for people with developmental disabilities in these tough economic times is encouraging. These NOW slots will provide much needed services to people living in their own homes who have been waiting up to nine years for services. *(If you or your child is on the waiting list, you could include a sentence how these additional slots will bring you/your child closer to receiving needed services)*

Your budget will put Louisiana on the right path of reform to provide services so people with developmental disabilities can enjoy a healthier, higher quality of life at less cost to the state. Your leadership in promoting these essential reforms and prioritizing community-based services is needed and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Background information**

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Information providing the rationale behind providing independence and integration for persons with developmental disabilities can be found on page 16 of the summary of Governor Jindals FY2011 Executive Budget. Follow the link below to read this summary <http://www.gov.state.la.us/assets/do cs/FY%2011%20Executive%20Budget%20Summary.pdf>

Any Questions?

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If there are any questions about the information in this email contact LaCAN's Coordinator by replying to this email, or calling the toll free number listed below.

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