

# LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

*Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities*

## **ACTION ALERT - Attend Finance Committee this Saturday to Support Restoration of DHH Funding**



Attend the Senate Finance Committee meeting on **Saturday, May 19th**, at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge to support the restoration of services for people with disabilities cut from the budget.

LaCAN members from around the state will be in attendance to show their support for the restoration of all funding to the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). Those interested in attending should:

- Wear your **yellow rally t-shirt**.
- **Arrive early - at 8:30 a.m.** to go through security and **NO LATER than 8:45 a.m. at the committee room** to get a seat.
- The committee will meet in **Room A-B** on the Senate side of the Capitol. The meeting begins at 9 a.m.

**There is still time to let your voice be heard!** Contact (call, email, and/or write) committee member(s) from your region and Chairman Donahue if you want to protect services for people with developmental disabilities.

[Click here](#) for contact information on committee members or call the Senate switchboard at **225-342-2040**.

### **Background Information**

On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the House stripped all one-time money, totaling \$268 Million, from the 2013 State Budget (HB1). The bulk of those cuts (\$100 Million in state funds) will come from the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). This is in addition to the \$57.7 Million cut from DHH by the Appropriations Committee.

If not restored by the Senate, these cuts will result in:

- 9.7% Medicaid provider rate cut
- Elimination of EarlySteps
- Elimination of Early Childhood Supports and Services
- Elimination of State Funded Personal Care Assistance Program
- Closure of Central State Hospital
- Not filling 168 NOW slots created through attrition
- Reductions/eliminations in numerous other DHH programs/services.

### **Any Questions?**

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

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