

LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Information Alert - Disability Rights Rally **April 7, 2010**

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Disability Rights Rally Day

The 2010 Disability Rights Rally will be Wednesday, April 28 from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. on the State Capitol Steps. Please join hundreds of your fellow LaCAN members from across the state. We will be celebrating our accomplishments, friendships, advocacy in promoting Louisiana becoming a culture that supports and accepts individuals with disabilities as full contributing and inclusive members of their communities.

LaCAN members are encouraged to meet with their legislators before and after the Rally to express their support for proposed changes to the developmental disabilities system that will invest more of Louisiana's resources into home and community based supports instead of costly segregated developmental centers.

Transportation

Each regional Families Helping Families Center has reserved a bus for LaCAN members to travel together to the Rally. If you would like to reserve a spot on a bus, please contact your [Families Helping Families](#) center.

Participants in private vehicles are encouraged to arrive as early as possible due to the anticipated increase in shuttle distance.

Free parking is available at the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) building located at 700 N. 10th Street. A free shuttle from the LMA building to the Capitol will be provided by the ARC of Baton Rouge. The shuttle will run from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Shuttle riders are encouraged to register for the shuttle by contacting Tuesday Rivers at 225-383-1033 or email trivers@thearcla.org.

Parking is extremely limited near the Capitol. While there are alternate free parking places around the capitol and along the river, these spaces are extremely limited and shuttle service can only be guaranteed to and from the LMA building and the Capitol.

For more information on the Rally please visit the LaCAN website at <http://www.lacanadvocates.org/site/about/disabilities-rights-rally/disability-rights-rally-2010/>

Security Measures in and around the Capitol

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There are increased security measures at the Capitol. Individuals are no longer allowed to be dropped off at the back portico or use the entrance at Alario Hall. Individuals must enter the Capitol using the entrances at the top of the steps or on either side of the Capitol steps. Individuals entering the building are screened so please consider these increased security measures as you make your plans.

**Additional Meeting the Morning of the Rally**

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On the morning of the Rally, at 9:30 a.m. the Department of Health and Hospitals Bureau of Health Services Financing is holding a hearing to allow public input on proposed reimbursement rate cuts to the NOW individualized and family support (IFS) services and residential habilitation-supported independent living (SIL) services. The meeting will be in Room 118, Bienville Building, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Please consider participating in this meeting if you are interested. See page 662 of <http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/reg/1003/1003.pdf> for more information.

Any Questions?

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If there are any questions about the information in this email please contact your regional LaCAN leader or call the toll free number listed below.

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