

LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

LaCAN Action Alert - Concerns about Children's Special Health Services Clinics December 8, 2010

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1. The Region 1 Children's Special Health Services Specialty (CSHS) Clinic in New Orleans is scheduled to close later this month.
2. Some parents have expressed concern that other closures may follow as a result of Louisiana's budget situation.
3. If you are concerned about CSHC clinics closing, please contact Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) Secretary Bruce Greenstein, Office of Public Health (OPH) Assistant Secretary Clayton Williams, and Governor Jindal before Christmas. You are also encouraged to contact your legislators.

Contact DHH Secretary Bruce Greenstein

628 N. 4th Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Phone: (225) 342-9500 Email: bruce@la.gov

Contact OPH Assistant Secretary Clayton Williams

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Contact Governor Jindal

[Click here](#) to email Governor Jindal. In the topic line, choose Health and Hospitals.

Contact your legislators

[Click here](#) to find your legislators.

Confirm your Action

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

Sample letter - you are encouraged to personalize

Dear

I am writing to urge the Department of Health and Hospitals to not close any other Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) Clinics. Many families rely on CSHS clinics for the critical medical services they provide to children with special health needs. Closing CSHS clinics will further limit access to necessary medical services that help children and youth with special needs. The specialty medical services provided in many of these clinics are the only available such services in the area.

I encourage you to not allow any other CSHS clinics to close.

Sincerely,

Background Information

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Louisiana's Children's Special Health Services Program provides medical and family support services to over 10,000 children and youth with special health needs every year.

Children's Special Health Services serves as the principle public health agency to assure that children and youth with special health care needs in Louisiana have access to health care services designed to minimize their disability and maximize their probability of enjoying an independent and self-sufficient life.

**For more information** about this and other issues related to health care for children or youth with special health care needs please call or visit Louisiana's Family to Family Health Information Center at:

- <http://www.blfhf.org/f2fhic/index.php>
- Email: [f2fhic@bellsouth.net](mailto:f2fhic@bellsouth.net)
- Call: 800 331-5570
- on Facebook: La Ftofhic

**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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