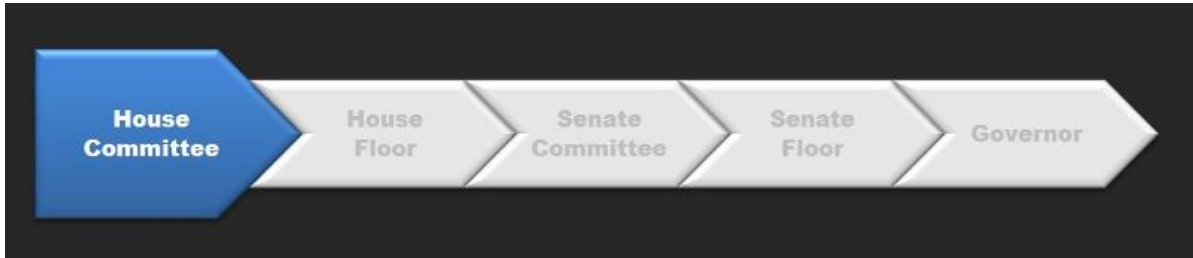


LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

ACTION ALERT - Contact Appropriations Committee for 200 NOW Slots



Act Now to Request 200 Additional NOW Slots in the Budget

1. Contact (call, email, write) state representatives from your region on the Appropriations Committee now through March 26th if you want them to support funding for 200 additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots in the budget.
2. Over 8,600 people with developmental disabilities in Louisiana wait over seven years to get waiver services.
3. Below is the list of House Appropriations members and a sample message.
4. Everyone should contact Representative Jim Fannin, Chair of the Appropriations Committee.
5. Reply to this email confirming your action.

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Sample Letter

Dear Representative,

Tell YOUR story. Begin with personal statements about your child or yourself, how long you have been on the waiver waiting list, or if you receive waiver services, how long you waited, and the benefits of having these services.

Please support an amendment to the budget for an additional 200 New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots. This is a small number compared to the 8,600 people who wait more than seven years for a NOW slot.

Thank you,

Confirm Your Action

Please reply to this email to let us know you took action

Background Information

The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) included funding for 200 additional NOW slots in their initial budget request but the slots were not included when the Executive Budget was released and presented to the legislature by the Division of Administration. It would cost approximately \$1 Million in state general funds or \$3 Million in total dollars (state and federal combined) to fund the phase-in of these 200 slots.

There are over 8,600 people on the waiver waiting list and the average wait time is seven years.

Several members of the Appropriations Committee have expressed support for these additional NOW slots.

The committee will hear DHH's budget on Monday, March 26th.

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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