

LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

ACTION ALERT Reminder - Contact Senate Finance Committee to Restore All Funding to DHH



Reminder: There is Still Time to Voice Your Support for the Restoration of All Funding to DHH

On Friday, May 11th, the House stripped \$268 Million from the 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.

If you have not already done so, contact (call, email, and/or write) the committee member(s) in your region and Chairman Donahue **by May 28th** if you want to protect services for people with developmental disabilities.

Contact Chairman and Members of Senate Finance in Your Region

To call a Senator at the Capitol: **225-342-2040**

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Sample Letter

Subject line of your email or at the top of your letter:
Restore cuts to DHH made by the House and Appropriations Committee!

Include information about yourself and your family member in your letter.

This can be in a few short sentences. You may want to include:

- Your name/the name of the individual with a disability you are advocating for and his/her relationship to you
- The diagnosis or disability of this individual
- How these cuts would affect your family or people you care about

Include this message:

"Please restore ALL of the funds to DHH cut by the Appropriations Committee and the House and add funds for additional NOW slots. These funds are needed to provide critical services to our state's most vulnerable population."

Confirm Your Action

Please [reply](#) to this email to let us know you took action

Additional Information

Over 600 LaCAN members and other concerned citizens have already confirmed taking action in response to this alert. Join them now if you want to show your support for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Over 30 members also attended Yellow Shirt Day at the Capitol on Saturday, May 19th. LaCAN Leaders from around the state, along with DD Council Member, Kay Marcel, shared powerful testimony before the Senate Finance Committee on behalf of individuals and families on the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) waiting list.

[Click here](#) to view the video from this committee meeting. LaCAN testimony begins at the 34:00 mark.

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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