

LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Information Alert - Powerful Testimony in Appropriations Committee



Thirty-nine LaCAN members in their yellow shirts attended the House Appropriations Committee on April 16-17th to show their support for funding of 200 additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots.

Rebecca Ellis, Ashley McReynolds, Whit Bass, and Sam Beech all shared powerful testimony on behalf of families on the NOW waiting list.

Several members of the Appropriations Committee expressed their understanding and support. Representative Armes of Leesville additionally shared his personal story of the joys of being a parent of a daughter with a developmental disability. Members left feeling cautiously optimistic that these expressions of support may result in the \$1 million in state funds needed for the 200 additional slots.

Thanks to everyone who attended the committee meetings at the Capitol and to the hundreds of you who wrote letters and made visits to your local legislators educating them on the need for additional slots.

There will soon be another opportunity to show your support for the funding of NOW slots when the DHH budget is heard by the Senate Finance Committee. Look for an action alert in the next day or two urging LaCAN members to attend this important meeting at the Capitol.

Those interested in viewing last week's testimony and the response of committee members can do so by following the link below. Scroll down and click on Appropriations from April 17th. The LaCAN portion of testimony begins at the 8:50 mark. http://house.louisiana.gov/H_Video/2012/Apr2012.htm

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