



ACTION ALERT - Attend Public Testimony Day to Support Home and Community-Based Services

Pack the Appropriations Committee in Yellow Shirts

The House Appropriations Committee will be hearing public testimony regarding the budget (HB1) on **April 9th** starting at **9:00 am** in **Room 5**. They will continue on April 10th if they don't get through everyone wishing to speak on the 9th.

LaCAN members from across the state are encouraged to **show up in yellow and represent those in need of home and community-based services**.

Several members will provide testimony before the committee regarding the importance of funding for additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots and other DD services. All members are encouraged to speak to their legislators individually to share their personal story. Regional LaCAN Leaders will be available to provide support.

Contact your [Regional LaCAN Leader](#) today to let him/her know if you are interested in attending, to coordinate transportation, and to get your yellow LaCAN shirt if you need one.

What to Expect on Committee Days

General Information:

- Be sure to wear your yellow LaCAN t-shirt! Committee members will then recognize you as a member of LaCAN and a supporter of home and community-based services. If you need a LaCAN shirt, please contact your [Regional LaCAN Leader](#) who will have one available for you when you arrive.
- Committee days offer an opportunity to meet and share your story with your legislators. We encourage you to send your legislator a note in the committee room to let him/her know you are there and ask to speak to them briefly. Your Regional LaCAN Leader can assist you with this should you be interested in doing so.
- Do not expect committee meetings to begin on time, but get there early in order to get a seat.
- Expect to sit through many other issues before the committee gets to the issue you are there to hear. People often bring something to read or work on while waiting.
- Committee meetings may go through the lunch hour without a break. However, a cafeteria and snack shop are located on the ground floor of the Capitol for your convenience.
- Be sure to not bring food or drink in the committee rooms. Also, make sure that your cell phones, pagers, and other electronic communication devices are silenced or turned off.
- Capitol visits can be very rewarding. It is important to remain polite at all times. Showing any kind of disrespect can ruin any future chances of making a positive impact on a legislator down the road.

Transportation & Parking:

- Click [here](#) for directions to the State Capitol. Room 5 is located on the House (right) side of the Capitol in the sub-basement.
- If you are interested in carpooling or need assistance with transportation, please contact your [Regional LaCAN Leader](#) immediately.
- Allow enough time to find parking. Parking spaces, including wheelchair accessible spots, are limited around the Capitol.

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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