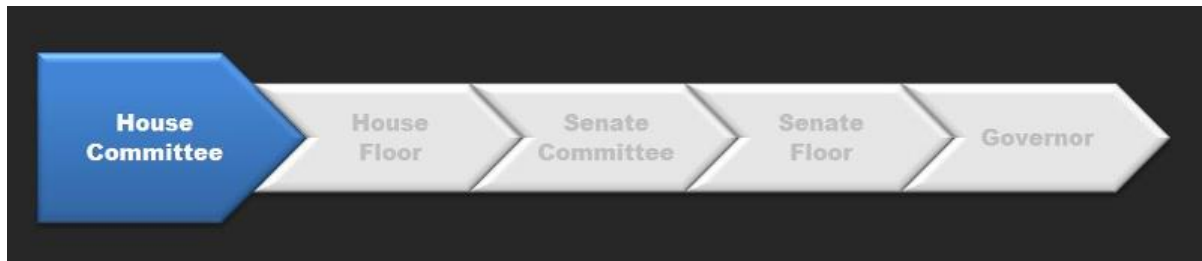




ACTION ALERT - Contact the Appropriations Committee in Support of Additional NOW Slots



ACT NOW to Support Funding for 200 Additional NOW Slots

The House Appropriations Committee is discussing what to include in the state budget. They will be considering an amendment to include 200 additional NOW slots in the state budget. These slots would go to individuals who have been waiting the longest for waiver services and push others closer to the top of the waiting list.

Please contact the Chairman and Committee Members from your region by **April 30th**, to voice your support for these additional slots.

Contact the House Appropriations Committee

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Help Writing Your Email/Letter

Begin by sharing your current situation: For example, "My child has been on the NOW waiting list for 5 years"; or, "I receive waiver services but I know many others who have been waiting for many years." You can also include how receiving waiver services would benefit you or others who have been waiting.

End by telling your legislator how he/she can help: "Please include funding for 200 additional NOW slots in the budget. Over 10,000 Louisiana citizens with developmental disabilities are waiting over 8 years for waiver services that will allow them to remain in their homes as opposed to more costly congregate care."

For additional help in writing your letter, contact your [Regional LaCAN Leader](#).

Confirm Your Action

Don't forget to let us know you took action!

[Reply](#) to this email or notify your Regional LaCAN Leader to confirm your action.

Why confirm your action?

This helps us to know how effective we are in reaching you with this information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

Background Information

Funding for additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots was not included in the Governor's Executive Budget. The budget (HB1) must now go through the legislative process before being finalized. The first step is the House Appropriations Committee where legislators have the opportunity to add funding for NOW slots. Several committee members have expressed interest in sponsoring an amendment to HB1 for the 200 NOW slots. Committee support is needed for this amendment.

Now is the time to share your story and let the members of this committee know how important waiver services are to you and to the 10,000 people who are waiting. It is time to END THE WAIT!

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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