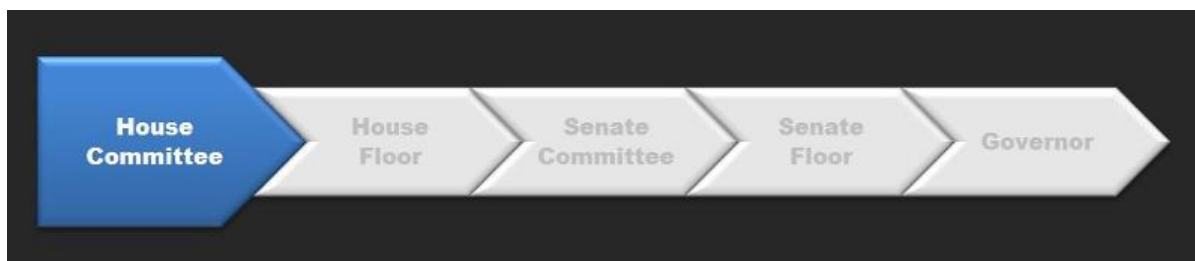




ACTION ALERT - Contact the Appropriations Committee to Restore Cuts to CSHS and FHF



ACT NOW to Show Your Support for Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) and Families Helping Families (FHF)

The House Appropriations Committee is expected to vote on the state budget (HB1) on Monday, April 29th. In its current form, the budget includes cuts to two vital programs created to support individuals with disabilities and their families.

Without restoration of \$794,000 in cuts to Children's Special Health Services, ten CSHS clinics will close in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, and Hammond effective July 1, 2013. These funds **MUST** be restored by the legislature to save these clinics!

Without restoration of \$55,000 in cuts to the DD Council (all DD Council state funds go to Families Helping Families), the FHF Centers will not be able to maintain their current level of service provision. In the past four years, the Council's funds for the FHF Centers have been reduced by over \$170,000 due to budget cuts.

Please contact the Chairman and Committee Members from your region **TODAY and over the weekend** to voice your support for the restoration of funding for these two programs.

If you have not already expressed your support of the 200 additional NOW slots in the last week, please do that as well!

Contact the House Appropriations Committee

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Don't know your region? Click [here](#) to find out.

Help Writing Your Email

Begin by sharing how these programs have benefited you or someone you

know: For example, "The care my child receives at Children's Special Health Services has been excellent!" OR "The care my child receives at CSHS clinics is not available in my community" OR "Children's Special Health Services has saved the lives of children I know."

"I don't know what I would have done had it not been for the help I received from Families Helping Families." OR "Families Helping Families helped me when no one else would!"

End by telling your legislator how he/she can help:

"Please restore \$794,000 in funding to Children's Special Health Services so the ten clinics slated for closure can remain open".

"Please restore \$55,000 in funding to the DD Council's budget so Families Helping Families can continue to provide vital services to individuals with disabilities and their families."

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

[Families Helping Families](#) (FHF) is a statewide network of family-directed and family-staffed regional resource centers which provide information on all types of services, goods, technologies, and activities that improve the quality of life in the community; help individuals understand their rights and how to advocate for themselves; and lend support from someone "who has been there."

[Children's Special Health Services](#) (CSHS) is the principle public agency ensuring that children and youth who have special health care needs in Louisiana have access to sub-specialty health care services and care coordination designed to minimize their disabilities and maximize their probabilities of enjoying independent and self-sufficient lives.

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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