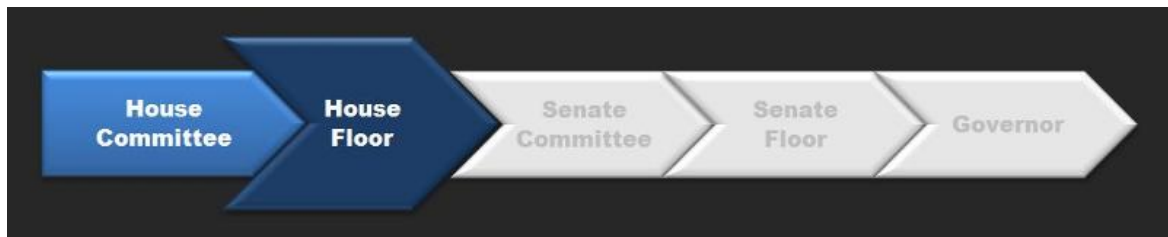




## Information Alert - Legislators Take Action in Response to LaCAN Advocacy Efforts



Yesterday's events in the Appropriations Committee are a great reminder that our voices are heard and **ADVOCACY WORKS!**

Three legislators, Rep. Jack Montoucet, Rep. Ledricka Thierry, and Rep. Rogers Pope all offered amendments to fund additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots. Two of the three amendments were approved by the Committee, allocating \$708,000 in state general funds for the creation of 75 brand-new NOW slots.

Legislators on the committee made a commitment to continue working through the legislative process to try and identify additional funds for more NOW slots. HB1 will next be debated by the full House before it heads to the Senate Finance Committee. Plenty of opportunities remain for additional slots to be added, as well as funding for Individual and Family Support Services, Families Helping Families, and Children's Special Health Services.

The rally on May 1st will be a great opportunity to talk to legislators about all of these vital programs. Join your fellow advocates at the Capitol on Wednesday, May 1st.

**Thank you for your continued advocacy.  
Together we can make a difference!**

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