# Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

## ACTION ALERT - Contact Governor to Voice Support for Home and Community-Based Services

Governor Jindal is currently preparing his Executive Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Due to a projected revenue shortfall, all services are in danger of being cut. If funding for home and community-based services for people with developmental disabilities is important to you, share this with the Governor.

# Take action by Friday, December 19th!

Contact Governor Bobby Jindal

The Governor can be contacted by completing a simple online form located <u>here</u>.

STEP 1: Enter your name and contact information

STEP 2: Select "Health and Hospitals" from the topic drop down menu

STEP 3: Add your message in the comment box.

**Include the following**: "When creating your budget please make home and community-based services for people with developmental disabilities a priority. These services (such as, waivers, state-funded Individual and Family Supports, EarlySteps, and Families Helping Families) play a vital role in supporting people in their own homes and to be productive members of their community."

**Briefly share your current situation**: Tell how any of these services have improved or would help to improve your or your loved one's quality of life.

### **Confirm Your Action**



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

Reply to this email or notify your 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**

Each department within State government submits their proposed budget to the Division of Administration. The Governor then reviews these proposals in the formation of the Executive Budget which is later presented to the legislature as House Bill 1 (HB 1).

Due to a projected revenue shortfall, all services are in danger of being cut (including those LaCAN successfully advocated for during the last legislative session).

Now is the time to speak up and let the Governor know that these services are important to you.

### **Contact Us**

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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