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Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

ACTION ALERT - Contact the Appropriations Committee to Voice Your Support for DD Services



The House Appropriations Committee is expected to pass the Fiscal Year 2016 State Budget on Monday, May 11th. The budget currently includes cuts to various supports and services important to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Members of the committee will have the opportunity to amend the budget to address these issues before moving the budget into the next step of the legislative process (see flow chart above).

If you believe that home and community-based waivers, EarlySteps, and Families Helping Families are vital services that should be prioritized in our state budget, now is the time to let committee members know! Contact information and tips for what to say are listed below.

Take Action TODAY!

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What to Say

Start by sharing your story:

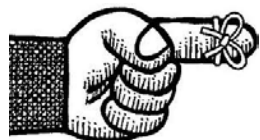
- Are you or a loved one waiting for waiver services? -- OR -- Are you or a loved one benefiting from waiver services?
- Has your child or someone you know benefited from EarlySteps services? -- OR -- Was your child or someone you know recently denied EarlySteps services due to only having delays in one developmental area?
- Has your family benefited from the services provided by Families Helping Families?
- Or all of the above?

Finish by telling your Representatives what he/she can do to help:

- Please provide funding to fill frozen waiver slots and create 500 new waiver slots
- Please provide funding to expand EarlySteps eligibility criteria
- Please restore funding to Families Helping Families
- Please make services that help individuals with developmental disabilities to live in their own homes and communities a top priority in next year's budget.

**If you need additional assistance on what to say,
your LaCAN Leader will be glad to help.**

Click [here](#) for LaCAN Leader contact information.



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

LaCAN members are advocating for the following issues to be addressed (click the links to read more):

- [Funding to fill frozen waiver slots and create 500 new waiver slots](#)
- [Funding for EarlySteps to expand eligibility to previously used criteria](#)
- [Restoration of funding for nine Families Helping Families Centers](#)

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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