

LaCAN

Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

ACTION ALERT - Contact Your Senator to Support DD Services



The Senate Finance Committee passed the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 with \$3.5 Million in state general funds to unfreeze waiver slots, a restoration of \$170,000 to Families Helping Families, and an increase of \$500,000 for EarlySteps.

While this is not the full amount of funding LaCAN advocated for this session, advocates are very appreciative of legislators' efforts to find funding during this year's difficult budget situation.

The budget will now be reviewed by the Full Senate on Monday. If you agree that the funding listed above is needed and should remain in the budget, your personal State Senator needs to hear from you.

Contact Your State Senator before Monday!

Contact Your State Senator

Click [here](#) for Louisiana State Senate contact information.

Don't know your State Senator? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The second person listed will be your State Senator.

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 family benefited from the services provided by Families Helping Families?
- Or all of the above?

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

- Please keep the funding currently in the budget for waivers and Families Helping Families.



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 have advocated for the following issues this session:

- [Funding to fill frozen waiver slots and create 500 new waiver slots](#)
- [Restoration of funding for nine Families Helping Families Centers](#)
- [Funding for EarlySteps to expand eligibility to previously used criteria](#) (NOTE: A total of \$2.7 Million is needed to expand criteria. Without this full amount, changes to eligibility criteria cannot occur. As this level of funding is unlikely to be added during the remaining days of the legislative session, LaCAN may pursue this expansion in a later year.)

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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