



**ACTION ALERT -  
Get Involved to Support DD Services**

**Louisiana is in a financial crisis. If the Legislature does not raise enough funding soon many critical services for people with developmental disabilities will be cut or eliminated.**

**ATTEND ONE OR MORE YELLOW SHIRT DAYS**

The Legislature is currently in a Special Session to address the budget shortfall. LaCAN members are encouraged to show up in yellow LaCAN shirts on any day of the Special Session (now through 3/9/16) to remind our legislators how important Individual and Family Supports and Services (including waivers, the Individual and Family Support Program, EarlySteps, Long-Term Personal Care Services, etc.) are to the developmental disability community.

You are encouraged to attend any of the following committee meetings:

<b>House Ways and Means</b>	These two committees are responsible for raising additional revenue.
<b>Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs</b>	
<b>House Appropriations</b>	These two committees are responsible for deciding how to spend the money that is available.
<b>Senate Finance</b>	

**MEETING SCHEDULES** for these committees are updated daily on the legislative website ([www.legis.la.gov](http://www.legis.la.gov)) and will also be shared each afternoon on the LaCAN Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/lacanadvocates/>)

If you would like to attend a meeting, please notify your LaCAN Leader. He or she will ensure you get a yellow shirt (if you don't already have one) and let you know about any carpooling options from your region.

**CONTACT THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

If you have not already done so...you can still call or email members of the House Ways and Means Committee to share your thoughts or opinion. Committee members need to know your story and that additional revenue must be found to ensure the continuation of vital services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Contact information for committee members and help on what to say can be found [here](#) in our previous action alert issued on 2/5/2016. **The deadline for this alert has been extended to 2/29/2016.**

## 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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