

# LaCAN

## Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

### **ACTION ALERT # 11** **Attend Yellow Shirt Day to Support DD Services**



The House Appropriations Committee will meet on Monday, April 18th to hear public testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 State Budget (HB1). Several LaCAN members will represent our group by testifying before the committee.

If you believe home and community-based services and programs should be prioritized in the budget, now is the time to take action! Here's how:

### **Attend Yellow Shirt Day for Public Testimony**

**Monday, April 18th - 10:00 a.m.**

**House Committee Room 5**

**Louisiana State Capitol - Baton Rouge**

Arrive early to ensure you get a seat.

Don't forget to wear your yellow LaCAN t-shirt.

Contact your [LaCAN Leader](#) to discuss carpooling options.



### **Background Information**

Each year, State Government Departments submit their proposed budgets to the Division of Administration. The Governor and his staff review these proposals and develop the Executive Budget based on available revenue which is later presented to

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the legislature and becomes House Bill 1 (HB1). HB1 must then make its way through the [legislative process](#) before being finalized.

For Fiscal Year 2017, [HB1](#) includes cuts to the Department of Health and Hospitals and La. Rehabilitation Services which would negatively impact supports and services important to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The good news is there are many opportunities to advocate along the way, including the bill's first stop in the Appropriations Committee.

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