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Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

ACTION ALERT #16 - Contact Senate Finance to Save Waivers and Other Disability Services



MASSIVE CUTS to the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) are included in the current version of the budget (HB1). Unless these cuts are restored by the Senate, or additional revenue is raised in a Special Session, the following services and programs will be **ELIMINATED**:

- Children's Choice, Supports, and Residential Options Waivers
- Long Term Personal Care Services (LT-PCS)
- Pediatric Day Health Care Program
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services for Youth

The current version of HB1 also **CUTS**:

- Over \$6.4 Million in State General Funds from the Human Services Districts/Authorities, impacting Individual and Family Support, Flexible Family Fund, and other vital services to people with developmental disabilities and those with behavioral health needs.
- Funding for overtime of Direct Support Professionals
- Funding to fill vacant waiver slots

If you would like to see funding restored to DHH and avoid the elimination of the vital services listed above now is the time to take action!

Contact the Senate Finance Committee by Monday, May 23rd and ask that ALL funding to DHH be restored and services for people with disabilities be prioritized!

Contact the Chairman and Committee Members from Your Region

Not sure of your region? Click [here](#) for a map.

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**When the Senate is in session, you can call a member on the Senate Floor at
225-342-2040.**

What to Say

Start by sharing your story:

- What negative impact would the elimination and/or cuts to these services have on you, your family, or someone you know?

Finish by telling your Representatives what they can do to help:

- Please restore ALL cuts to DHH and prioritize services for individuals with disabilities.

Include all the services listed above in your email or the ones that are most important to you.

**If you need additional assistance on what to say,
your LaCAN Leader will be glad to help.
Click [here](#) for LaCAN Leader contact information.**

Advocacy Update

Thanks to the thirty LaCAN members who attended the Senate Finance Committee meeting on Sunday, May 15th, in their yellow to show support for disability services. Thanks also to Senators Regina Barrow of Baton Rouge and Sharon Hewitt of Slidell for their acknowledgement of LaCAN members and comments in support of waiver services. Their comments can be viewed [here](#) beginning at the 5:12:00 mark through 5:20:18.



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.

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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