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Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

ACTION ALERT #19 - Contact Your Representative to Support Disability Services

The Senate met today to consider the State FY17 Budget (HB1). Thanks to your persistent advocacy efforts, HB1 passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 2 nays with funding for the following services/programs:

- NOW, Children's Choice, Supports, and Residential Options Waivers
- Long Term Personal Care Services (LT-PCS)
- Pediatric Day Health Care Program
- Human Services Districts/Authorities (Funding restored to the level originally proposed in the Executive Budget. However, the Districts/Authorities are still underfunded.)

The current version of HB1 still includes:

- \$170,000 cut to Families Helping Families Centers
- No funding to pay overtime for Direct Support Professionals
- No funding to fill vacant waiver slots for those on the waiting list

The budget now returns to the House for review where Representatives can concur with or reject the Senate's amendments.

Contact your personal State Representative to let them know how you feel about the current version of the proposed budget and the remaining unmet needs that must be addressed in the Special Session.

Contact Your State Representative by June 5th

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

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

What to Say

- Tell your Representative if you support the Senate's version of the proposed budget.
- Ask them to keep funding in the budget for ALL waivers and other disability services.
- Tell them there are still many remaining unmet needs of people with developmental disabilities that can only be addressed if the Legislature raises additional revenue in the upcoming Special Session.

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

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

Upcoming Yellow Shirt Day

LaCAN is planning a Yellow Shirt Day for early in the upcoming Special Session -- on a day the House Ways and Means Committee meets. Be on the lookout for an alert with the specific date and time!



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.

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