



**ACTION ALERT #6 -
Contact Your State Representative to Save DD Services**

Multiple revenue measures, as well as bills proposing additional cuts, are now headed to the House Floor. **If you feel that waiver services, the Individual and Family Support Program, the Flexible Family Fund, EarlySteps, LA Rehabilitation Services (LRS), the OCDD Resource Centers, Families Helping Families and the many other state services provided to the DD community should not be cut, it's time to take action!**

Call or Email your State Representative by Friday February 26th.

Today the Appropriations Committee passed [House Bill No. 122](#) which proposes to increase the amount of cuts to the Human Services Districts/Authorities as well as other offices within the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) for this current fiscal year. These cuts will have a direct impact on the Individual and Family Support Program, Flexible Family Fund, and other vital services important to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Multiple other bills raising revenue are headed to the House from the Ways and Means Committee.

You don't need to know a particular bill number. You just need to communicate to your legislator the importance of funding **ALL** services for people with disabilities that are currently on the chopping block. Click [here](#) for the Council's latest fact sheet discussing the impacts of the proposed cuts. (This fact sheet does NOT include cuts proposed in HB122.)

**Attend Yellow Shirt Day
Thursday, February 25th
9:00 A.M. - House Committee Rooms 5 & 6
Louisiana State Capitol - Baton Rouge**

Arrive early to ensure you get a seat.

Don't forget to wear your yellow LaCAN shirt

Contact your [LaCAN Leader](#) for a shirt and/or to find out about carpooling options.

Contact Your Representative

Click [here](#) for State Representative full 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

Start by sharing your story:

- Are you or a loved one waiting for waiver services or benefiting from waiver services?
- Has your child or someone you know benefited from other programs such as Individual and Family Support, Flexible Family Fund, LA Rehabilitation Services, Families Helping Families, Long Term-Personal Care Services, or EarlySteps?
- What negative impacts would cuts to these programs and services have on your child, family, or someone you know?

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

- Identify additional revenue to prevent proposed cuts to DHH and LRS which would be devastating to the DD community.

Contact Us

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.

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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