



Information Alert - 2015 LaCAN Advocacy Agenda

The DD Council and LaCAN have established its advocacy agenda for the 2015 Legislative Session. Together we will be advocating for:

- Funding for 500 additional waiver slots (200 New Opportunities Waiver, 200 Children's Choice Waiver, and 100 Supports Waiver)
- Increased funding for the Individual and Family Support Program
- Increased funding for EarlySteps (to expand eligibility criteria to previously used criteria)
- Increased provider rates (resulting in increased wages for Direct Support Workers)

**Do one or more of these issues matter to you?
Here are ways YOU can get involved
in the next few months...**

Go on a Legislative Visit	NOVEMBER 2014 - APRIL 2015 Join your LaCAN Leader on a visit with your legislator at his/her district office. Your Leader will share the facts about each advocacy issue. You simply share your story and how it relates to one or more issues.
Attend a Membership Meeting or Advocacy 101 Training	NOVEMBER 2014 - DECEMBER 2014 Several LaCAN Leaders are hosting these events as an opportunity to connect and help you brush up on your advocacy skills. Learn how to write a letter to your legislator, visit your legislator, share your story, etc.
Attend a Roundtable	JANUARY 2015 Join LaCAN, LaTEACH, Families Helping Families, and your regional legislators for breakfast. Learn all the facts surrounding this year's advocacy agenda, ask questions, and get the opportunity to share your story.
Get Others Involved	EVERY DAY! Get your friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers involved. Invite them to become LaCAN members or ask them to join you at LaCAN events. Like us on Facebook. Share our posts. Help spread the word about issues that matter to you.

**Contact your LaCAN Leader to find out more...
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