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## Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

### **Information Alert - Legislature Passes HB1**

The Legislature passed the State FY17 Budget (HB1) on Sunday. Thanks to your persistent advocacy efforts, HB1 passed with funding for the following services/programs:

- NOW, Children's Choice, Supports, and Residential Options Waivers
- Human Services Districts/Authorities (Funding at the level originally proposed in the Executive Budget. However, the Districts/Authorities are still underfunded.)
- Families Helping Families (\$170,000 cut was RESTORED)
- Long Term Personal Care Services (LT-PCS)
- Pediatric Day Health Care Program

The budget still includes:

- No funding to fill vacant waiver slots for those on the waiting list (almost 14,000 waiting)
- Insufficient funding for the Human Services Districts/Authorities to meet all the needs in their regions
- No funding to pay overtime for Direct Support Professionals

While advocates are very appreciative that legislators prioritized existing services for people with developmental disabilities, there are still thousands of people who remain on waiting lists. Additional revenue must be identified in the Special Session to meet the unmet needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

**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!**

### **Contact Us**

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