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Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

Information Alert - Successful Day at the Capitol

Advocacy works!! It was a very successful day at the Capitol for advocates in the disability community:

The State Budget ([HB1](#)) passed out of the House Appropriations Committee with amendments from Rep. John Schroder (of Covington) to restore \$170,000 in funding to nine **Families Helping Families Centers** across the state and \$1.08 Million to the **Individual and Family Support Program** in three regions of the state in which the program is underfunded. Another amendment by Rep. Helena Moreno (of New Orleans) restored \$762,000 to **Louisiana Rehabilitation Services**. Funding to fill vacant **waiver slots** and create an additional 200 New Opportunities Waiver slots remained in the budget. Rep. Schroder also successfully sponsored an amendment to switch the funding source for these slots, providing State General Fund dollars.

[SB355](#) by Sen. Fred Mills passed the Senate Finance Committee without objection. This bill proposes a constitutional amendment on the November 2014 ballot that, if passed, would provide protection from future budget cuts to critical supports and service for vulnerable populations.

Thank you to everyone who attended Yellow Shirt Day today or made calls and sent emails to committee members asking for their support of these vital services.



Please take the time to say thank you to committee members.

Their email addresses can be found at the links below:

[House Appropriations Committee Members](#)

[Senate Finance Committee Members](#)

Any Questions?

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