



## Action Alert #7

### Attend Yellow Shirt Day to Support DD Services

January 27, 2017

**WHEN:** Monday, February 13th - Time To Be Announced

**WHERE:** Louisiana State Capitol Steps

In addition to the main Yellow Shirt Day on February 13th, LaCAN members are encouraged to attend any of the daily legislative committee meetings throughout the **special** session. Don't forget to wear your yellow LaCAN shirt!

If you plan to attend, need a yellow shirt or want to find out about carpooling options, contact your [LaCAN Leader](#).



### Additional Information

Today, Governor John Bel Edwards testified before the Joint Budget Legislative Committee about how Louisiana is facing deep and painful cuts as a result of the \$304 million budget deficit for this fiscal year (ending June 30, 2017). To address this deficit and provide Louisianans an opportunity to express their concerns, Governor Edwards will call a Special Session of the Legislature from February 13th - 23rd.

Details of Governor Edwards' plan to address the budget deficit will be released by February 6th. The Governor has revealed his plan will involve two major approaches to preserve the most critical services. First, he will seek Legislative support to use the maximum allowable amount of the Rainy Day Fund which will reduce the budget deficit by \$119 million. Should Rainy Day Funds be used, Governor Edwards announced waiver programs would be spared cuts.

Second, Governor Edwards will propose opening the entire budget to cuts. Currently, Legislators and the Governor have limited choices in where to make mid-year budget cuts because some agencies' budgets are protected. If changes are not made, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) will bear the brunt of these budget cuts which may impact services people with developmental disabilities need the most.

If programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities are important to you, attend one of the Yellow Shirt Days being held at the Capitol in Baton Rouge throughout Special Session.

## Contact Us

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