

# LaCAN

## Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

### **ACTION ALERT # 10**

#### **Attend Yellow Shirt Day to Support DD Services**

The House Appropriations Sub-Committee on Health and Human Services will discuss the Department of Health and Hospitals' budget on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. LaCAN Members are encouraged to attend in their yellow LaCAN shirts to demonstrate support for DD services.

Funding for the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) is included in the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> (FY17), but the final decision on what other DD services will or will not be funded will be made by the legislature. The Special Session ended without a plan to fill the remaining \$70 Million shortfall in the current year's budget and an estimated \$750 Million shortfall in FY17. The Governor will announce the necessary budget cuts for the current year at 3 p.m. on March 24<sup>th</sup>, but the legislature will have the final say on next year's budget. **It is therefore very important to show the members of the Appropriations Committee there are services, in addition to the NOW waiver, that people with developmental disabilities and their families need to remain in their homes and communities. These vital services include:**

- The other three waivers (Children's Choice, Supports Waiver, ROW)
- Individual and Family Support
- Flexible Family Fund
- Families Helping Families
- Support provided by the OCDD Resource Centers
- Long-Term Personal Care Services
- EarlySteps

### **Attend the Appropriations Sub-Committee on Health and Human Services Meeting to Show Support for DD Services**

**When:** Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. (Arrive early to get a seat)

**Where:** Louisiana State Capitol in Baton Rouge in House Committee Room 5

Don't forget to wear your yellow LaCAN t-shirt!

Contact your [LaCAN Leader](#) if you need a shirt or to find out about carpooling options.



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