

**Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council  
2016 Planning Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Summary**

February 10, 2015

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The Committee reviewed the status of the Council 2012-2016 five-year plan and five proposals and developed recommendations for FFY16 plan activities. Committee members each rated contractual activities and proposals along a three point scale, then collectively prioritized outcomes and funding levels for each project. The Committee then reviewed non-contractual activities. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the attached FFY16 plan for consideration of the whole Council.

Recommended FFY 2016 contractual activities and funding amounts are listed below in order of priority.

Activity	Contract	Funding
3.1.1	LaCAN (includes Disability Rights Day)	\$130,000
7.1.1	LaTEACH	\$100,000 <sup>1</sup>
3.4.4	Investigation of La Special Education Center	\$ 54,000
9.2.2	Paid Apprenticeship Model	\$ 60,000 <sup>2</sup>
1.3.3	Advocacy Leadership Conference	\$ 12,000
1.3.1	Partners in Policymaking®	\$ 80,000
2.2.2	Media Campaign for DSPs	\$ 10,000
8.1.1	Early Intervention – Primary Service Provider	\$ 6,000
Total Proposed Federal Contracts Budget		\$452,000

<sup>1</sup> Reduction by \$10,000.

<sup>2</sup> \$11,000 of the \$60,000 is contingent on the level of funding needed by the Early Intervention project

Addition/deletion of current contractual activities:

Activity	
1.3.3	Advocacy Leadership Conference was added
1.4.1	Families Helping Families stipend contracts were not renewed.
2.2.2	Media Campaign for DSPs was added
3.4.4	Investigation of La Special Education Center was added
9.2.2	Paid Apprenticeship Model was added

Recommended changes/additions to FFY 2016 non-contractual activities:

Activity 2.2.1	Advocate for the <u>average hourly wage for DSPs in Louisiana</u> starting DSP compensation level to be at or above the national average and
Activity 3.4.3	Provide information to the Department of Education and BESE on home and community-based services. <u>Accomplished FFY 2014.</u>
Activity 4.1.1	Provide financial support ( <del>from</del> <u>the entirety of</u> state general funds) and technical assistance to nine Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers across the state.

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<u>Activity 6.3.2</u>	<u>Disseminate information about where people with disabilities can get free and/or reduced cost dental services.</u>
<u>Activity 6.3.3</u>	<u>Identify dentists who have participated in training (6.1.4) and disseminate the information to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.</u>
Activity 7.2.1	Advocate with the LSU-HSC Human Development Center, <u>Advocacy Center</u> and other collaborators for the development and implementation of policies and practices (i.e., college and career pathways) that ensure students with developmental disabilities have access to and opportunities that prepare them for post-secondary education and/or competitive, integrated employment.
<u>Activity 7.2.2</u>	<u>Provide information and monitoring on the appropriate implementation of Act 833 of 2014.</u>
Activity 7.3.2	Advocate for financial and accountability structures that support the inclusion of all students, <u>including young children in Early Childhood settings.</u>
Objective 9.1	Louisiana will <del>develop</del> and implement an Employment First <del>plan</del> <u>practices.</u>
Objective 9.2	The capacity <u>and quality</u> of the employment provider system will improve through evidence-based practice in collaboration with the LSU-HSC Human Development Center.
<u>Activity 9.2.3</u>	<u>Advocate for accountability of Employment Support providers, through certification of Employment Support Professionals (ESPs), a process of licensure and a quality monitoring system for employment support providers that includes a complaint process.</u>
<u>Activity 9.3.2</u>	<u>Assist Louisiana Rehabilitation Services in promoting partnerships with Local Education Agencies to utilize local and state education funds as match for the federal Vocational Rehabilitation grant.</u>
Objective 10.1	Inclusive recreation programs will be developed in <del>at least two</del> <u>one</u> areas of the state.
<u>Activity 10.1.2</u>	<u>Promote examples of and guidance for adults to be involved in inclusive recreational/leisure activities.</u>
<u>Activity 11.1.2</u>	<u>Advocate for Medicaid funds supporting children in Pediatric Day Health Care Centers to be used to support children in inclusive settings.</u>

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