



Action Alert #20

Contact Your Representative to Support Funding for DD Services

June 5, 2017

The full Senate passed the budget, House Bill 1 ([HB1](#)), over the weekend. It must now go back to the House where they will decide to concur (agree) or not concur with the changes the Senate made.

The Senate version of the budget includes funding for the following services/programs:

- \$1.6 million in state general funds (SGF) to fill 627 vacant, existing waiver slots for people with developmental disabilities
- "LINCCA" funding which many Human Services Districts/Authorities use to fund the Individual and Family Support and Flexible Family Fund programs, Families Helping Families contracts, and other programs for people with behavioral health needs.
- State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program which provides services to individuals with physical disabilities needed to keep them at home and at work and out of nursing homes.
- Over \$5.4 million restored to mental health rehabilitation services

The Senate version is the best case scenario for people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. The original House version of the budget included over \$235 million in cuts of state funds to the LA Department of Health. The Senate version restores most of those cuts, particularly those affecting people with disabilities.

Contact your State Representative to let them know how you feel about the Senate version of the budget.

TAKE ACTION:

Don't know who your State Representative is? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative.

You can call and speak with your State Representative on the House Floor when the House is in session at 225-342-6945. The House is in session NOW. Or you can call their district office.

You can also send your State Representative an Email. Click [here](#) for the State Representatives' full contact information.

Confirm Your Action

Don't forget to let us know you took action! Reply to this email or notify your [LaCAN Leader](#) to confirm your action.

Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are in reaching you with this important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

Contact Us

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