



Action Alert #12

Attend Yellow Shirt Day to Support DD Services

March 29, 2017

When: Wednesday, April 5th, 9:00 AM

Where: House Committee Room 5
Louisiana State Capitol

The House Appropriations Sub-Committee on Health and Human Services will discuss the LA Department of Health's (LDH) budget on Wednesday, April 5th, at 9:00 AM. LaCAN members are encouraged to attend in their yellow shirt to show your support for DD Services.

Funding for current waiver recipients was included in the Governor's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, however funding for those on the waiting list and many other services needed by people with developmental disabilities was not. The final decision on what other DD services will or will not be funded will be made by the legislature. It is therefore very important to show the members of the Appropriations Sub-Committee that there are still many unmet needs.

Due to a \$440 million shortfall, the Governor's proposed budget included cuts across many state agencies. **Cuts of \$184 million in state general funds are being proposed to LDH including:**

- \$1 million cut to EarlySteps - this will restrict enrollment by eliminating certain established medical conditions from current eligibility criteria
- \$4.89 million cut (in state general funds) to the Human Services Districts/Authorities - after years of repeated budget cuts, any additional cuts to these agencies will adversely impact services

Funding for the following is NOT included in the proposed budget:

- Additional waiver slots for those on the waiting list
- To address the disparity in funding among the Human Services

Districts/Authorities

- Enhanced waiver rate for people with complex medical and/or behavioral support needs
- To add Individual and Family Support hours to the Supports Waiver

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

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