

Council's Grassroots Advocacy

What is it and why is it important?



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LA COUNCIL'S ADVOCACY NETWORK

LaCAN HCBS Advocacy Results

Community and Family Support System (Act 378 of 1989)

- 11,547 people with waiver slots
- 1,665 receive Flexible Family Fund
- 5,068 receive state funded supports in their own homes
- Families Helping Families

LaCAN HCBS Advocacy Results

- Act 481 of 2007 which established the NOW Trust Fund, creating a funding source for NOW slots
- Act 73 of 2017 which requires LGEs to allocate a minimum amount equal to 9% of state funds to Act 378 DD services. Also increases DD representation on LGE boards.

LaCAN Education Advocacy Results

- Act 833 of 2014 provided a pathway to promotion and a diploma for certain students with disabilities
- Act 467 of 2015 clarified that all schools receive funding based on the same funding formula beginning in the 15/16 school year and Charter schools serve a fair share of students with disabilities

LaCAN Education Advocacy Results

- **Act 328 of 2011 established regulations related to the use of restraint and seclusion practices in response to behavior of students with disabilities**
- **Act 522 of 2016 established the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline and required LDOE to report data on restraint and seclusion incidents**

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Home and Community Based Services

- Waivers –
 - Additional slots
 - Enhanced rate for complex needs
- TEFRA (Tax Equity & Fiscal Responsibility Act)
- Act 378 Funding

Education

- Stakeholder Input**
 - Lacking the required representation and information necessary to advise**
 - SEAP under the Governor rather than LDOE / BESE**
- LDOE Behavioral Support Requirements**

Legislative Visits

- **Regional Teams**
- **What is the DD Council**
- **Council's Legislative Agenda**
- **Fact Sheets**