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## **Council's 2014 Legislative/Advocacy Agenda**

The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council has adopted its 2014 legislative/advocacy agenda, with input from its grassroots advocacy networks (LaCAN and LaTEACH), Families Helping Families and People First. Fact sheets for each agenda item have been developed and are available on the Council's website as indicated below.

### **Individual and Family Supports and Services**

The Council will continue to advocate for the funding of various individual and family supports and services including waiver slots, the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program, Consumer Care Resources, and Families Helping Families.

- [Fill the Slots and End the Wait](#)
- [Restore Funding for Individual and Family Support](#)
- [Restore Funding for Consumer Care Resources](#)
- [Preserve the Louisiana Network of Family-Directed Resources Centers](#)
- [Reduce the Harmful Impact of Act 439 on Critical Supports and Services](#)

### **Education**

The Council will also continue to advocate for the inclusive education of all students. The education funding formula should be equitable across schools, based on student need and not based on performance, placement or disability type. Grade promotion and diploma criteria should be based on IEP team decisions regarding achievable and meaningful student growth targets and outcomes for students with disabilities.

- [Education Funding: Equitable to All Schools and Based on Student Needs](#)
- [Accountability Based on Maximizing Student Potential](#)
- [Diploma Pathways for All Students](#)

Individuals interested in taking part in these advocacy efforts, including participation in upcoming legislative visits, should contact the [LaCAN Leader](#) and/or [LaTEACH Leader](#) for their region.

