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Ten Children's Special Health Services Clinics to Close *Stakeholder Meetings Announced*

Two stakeholder meetings will be held in Baton Rouge and Lafayette to discuss plans for ten sub-specialty Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) clinics slated for closure in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles and Hammond. According to J. T. Lane, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Public Health (OPH), children currently served in these clinics will begin receiving services from private providers beginning July 1, 2013.

The following stakeholder meetings are being held to discuss the changes with parents and other stakeholders:

Lafayette

Monday, May 6th, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Clifton Chenier Center
Town Hall Auditorium
220 W. Willow Street
Lafayette

Baton Rouge

Tuesday, May 7th, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
East Baton Rouge Parish Health Unit
353 N. 12th Street
2nd Floor Waiting Room
Baton Rouge

For more information on these stakeholder meetings, contact Children's Special Health Services at 504-568-5055.

The clinic closures are a result of budget reductions announced in the Governor's Budget. The Developmental Disabilities Council, LaCAN and parents are advocating for restoration of the \$794,000 in State General Funds needed to keep the CSHS program at its current level. For more information on advocacy efforts, visit the Council's website at www.laddc.org

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