



Action Alert #5 Attend Yellow Shirt Day to Save DD Services

January 11, 2018

When: Friday, January 19, 2018 at 9:30 am Arrive early to get a seat
Where: House Committee Room 5
Louisiana State Capitol

The Governor will present his proposed budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget Friday, January 19th. By law, he is required to present a budget that is equal to revenue projections. Currently the state is facing a shortfall of approximately **\$1 Billion** for the fiscal year beginning July 1st (Fiscal Year 2019).

The LA Department of Health (LDH) has been directed to prepare for over a half billion dollars in cuts if agreement on how to address the budget shortfall is not reached between the legislature and the governor. **With cuts this massive, there are numerous programs and services currently funded in LDH's budget that would be reduced or eliminated entirely.** The following proposed cuts would most impact people with developmental disabilities:

- Elimination of Children's Choice and Supports Waivers
- Elimination of Long Term Personal Care Services
- Elimination of Pediatric Day Health Care Centers
- Stricter financial eligibility criteria for Medicaid long term care services (including home and community based waivers and ICFs/DD)
- Near elimination of behavioral health and addictive disorder services

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

Advocates are also encouraged to contact your legislator to let them know how you feel about these and any cuts to services for people with developmental disabilities and other vulnerable populations.

Don't know who your legislator is? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative. The second person will be your State Senator. Click on the legislator's name to view their 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.

Legislative Roundtable Schedule

The 2018 Legislative Roundtables have been scheduled in January and February throughout the state and provide the opportunity for individuals to get more information about the issues on the Council and LaCAN's advocacy agenda and connect with policymakers.

Click [here](#) for the 2018 Legislative Roundtable schedule.

Those interested in visiting legislators, attending roundtables or participating in other advocacy events should contact their regional [LaCAN Leader](#).

Contact Us

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