



## Action Alert #7: Contact Your Representative TODAY to Save DD Services

February 26, 2018

Today at 10 a.m the House of Representatives will consider and vote on multiple revenue raising measures. Should sufficient revenue not be identified, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) would be cut over **\$650 million** in state general funds (\$2.4 Billion including federal matching funds) resulting in the reduction or elimination of numerous programs and services for people with developmental disabilities currently funded in LDH's budget:

- Elimination of Children's Choice and Supports Waivers
- Elimination of Long Term Personal Care Services
- Elimination of Pediatric Day Health Care Centers
- Elimination of Supported Independent Living in the New Opportunities Waiver
- Stricter financial eligibility criteria for Medicaid long term care services (impacting 57% of current home and community based waiver recipients and ICF/DD residents)
- Significant reduction to behavioral health and addictive disorder services
- Reduction to Support Coordination

If these services are important to you, **TODAY** is the time to take action!

### Two Ways You Can Take Action

#### **Call your State Representative today, February 26th.**

- Ask your Representative to **support sufficient revenue to avoid eliminations and cuts to vital services for you, your family member, other people with disabilities and all vulnerable populations.**

You can call and speak with your State Representative on the House Floor when the House is in session at 225-342-6945. The House convenes today at 10:00 a.m. Don't know who your State Representative is? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative.

You can also call your State Representative's district office and send them an Email. Click [here](#) for the State Representatives's full contact information.

#### **Attend yellow shirt day at the Capitol in Baton Rouge.**

- **WHEN:** Monday, February 26th, 10:00 a.m.

- **WHERE:** Louisiana State Capitol, House Chambers, First Floor

Let your [LaCAN Leader](#) know if you plan to attend.

### **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 occurring 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. Missed your region's roundtable? No problem! Attend one of the other regional roundtables. **Only two Legislative Roundtables left!**

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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