



## Council's 2019 Legislative Agenda to be Presented at Roundtables

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The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council will discuss its 2019 Legislative Agenda at nine Legislative Roundtables across the state where individuals with disabilities, families and advocates will have the opportunity to get more information about the issues and connect with legislators. The legislative agenda was developed with input from the Council's grassroots advocacy network (LaCAN) and the Families Helping Families Centers. Five issues are included on the agenda in the areas of home and community-based services and education.

### Home and Community-Based Services

As it has done for decades, the Council will continue to advocate for the increased availability of home and community-based supports and services so people with developmental disabilities can remain in their own homes and be fully participating members of their communities. The Council is calling for increased access to the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program, increased funding for the two Human Services Districts/Authorities with the lowest state funding per capita, and implementation of the TEFRA Medicaid State Plan Option. Details on each issue can be found on the fact sheets linked below.

- [Fully Fund State Personal Assistance Services \(SPAS\)](#)
- [Equitably Fund the Human Services Districts/Authorities](#)
- [Fund and Implement TEFRA](#)

### Education

The Council will also continue to advocate for special education policies and practices that facilitate transparency and ensure student safety. The Council is calling for the Louisiana Department of Education to publicly report findings and corrective actions related to on-site monitoring and complaint investigations involving special education, and for cameras to be installed in special education classrooms upon request. Read more about these issues on the fact sheets linked below.

- [Public Reporting of Special Education Monitoring Findings and Corrective Actions](#)
- [Require Cameras in Special Education Classrooms Upon Request](#)

### Get Involved

Individuals with disabilities, family members, and advocates are encouraged to attend a Legislative Roundtable and participate in the Council's other advocacy efforts, including legislative visits and yellow shirt days. The roundtables have been

scheduled in January and February throughout the state.

- Click [here](#) for the 2019 Legislative Roundtable schedule.

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

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