



Information Alert #2

2019 Legislative Session Begins April 8th

April 2, 2019

Louisiana Lawmakers will convene **Monday, April 8th**, at noon to begin the 2019 Regular Legislative Session. The DD Council and LaCAN members will be advocating for multiple issues impacting people with developmental disabilities including:

- Funding to continue the DD waiver rate restoration after July 1st AND to restore rates in the waivers for people served through the Office of Aging and Adult Services, Long Term Personal Care Services, EPSDT Personal Care Services, and other services for people with disabilities (For more information, check out the Council's [LaDDC News article](#));
- Funding and implementation of the TEFRA Medicaid State Plan Option ([HB199](#) has been filed by Rep. Horton that directs the state to implement TEFRA); and
- Additional funding for the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAs) program to serve all individuals on the waiting list;
- Funding for the two Human Services Districts/Authorities with the lowest state funding per capita - Northwest LA & Florida Parishes;
- Requirement for cameras to be placed in Special Education classrooms upon request ([HB283](#) has been filed by Rep. Wright that addresses this issue).

If any of these issues are important to you, mark your calendars with the dates below and be on the lookout for action alerts announcing upcoming Yellow Shirt Days and opportunities to contact your legislators. You can also reach out to your regional [LaCAN Leader](#) for more information about advocacy opportunities.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Yellow Shirt Days

WHEN: Tuesday, April 9th & Wednesday, April 17th

WHERE: House Appropriations Committee
Louisiana State Capitol – Baton Rouge

*Time and details to follow

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