



Action Alert #1: The DD Council needs to hear from you!

July 29, 2019

The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council (Council) will determine its 2020 Legislative Advocacy Agenda in October. The Council wants to hear your ideas and recommendations on issues impacting people with developmental disabilities for consideration as priorities for the Council's 2020 Legislative Advocacy Agenda.

Let your voice be heard by participating in your regional LaCAN membership and community input meeting! Each regional LaCAN leader is hosting membership meetings to:

- Recap the 2019 Legislative Session;
- Get your input on issues to be considered by the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council of its 2020 Legislative Advocacy Agenda; and,
- Meet with fellow self-advocates, parents, and other LaCAN members.

Take advantage of this incredible opportunity to receive valuable information about LaCAN accomplishments during the 2019 session and have your voice heard by sharing your ideas about what the Council should consider for its 2020 Legislative Advocacy Agenda.

These meetings are free to attend.

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP for your regional meeting, please [contact](#) your regional LaCAN leader.

Dates, times and locations are listed below and will be [updated here](#) as additional meetings are scheduled.

If you are not able to attend but want to make sure your recommendations are heard, please [contact](#) your regional LaCAN leader by phone and/or email.

LaCAN Regional Member Meetings

REGION	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
1 & 10 Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines and St.	TBA	TBA	Families Helping Families of New Orleans (504) 943-0343 or (877) 243-7352 info@lacanadvocates.org

Bernard Parishes			
2 Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana Parishes	Wednesday, July 31, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge 2356 Drusilla Lane Baton Rouge, LA 70809	Ashley McReynolds (225) 715-5740 or (225) 216-7474 amcreynolds@lacanadvocates.org
3 Assumption, Lafourche, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne, St. Charles and St. Mary Parishes	Thursday, August 15, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Thursday, August 15, 2019 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Bayou Land Families Helping Families 286 Highway 3185 Thibodaux, LA 70301	Julie Folsie (985) 447-4461 or (985) 438-1179 jsmith@lacanadvocates.org
4 Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermillion Parishes	TBA	TBA	Jamie Duplechine (337) 984-3458 or (504) 909-5607 jduplechine@lacanadvocates.org
5 Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis and Cameron Parishes	Wednesday, August 7, 2019 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 8, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Families Helping Families of Southwest LA 2927 Hodges Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601	Mylinda Elliott (337) 436-2570 melliott@lacanadvocates.org
6 Avoyelles, Concordia, Catahoula, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon and Winn Parishes	TBA	TBA	Kristen Reed (318) 641-7373 kreed@lacanadvocates.org
7 Bienville,	Friday, August 9,	Country Tavern BBQ	Mimi Webb (318) 226-4541 or (318) 560-3629

Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Claiborne, Sabine and Webster Parishes	2019 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	823 Brook Hollow Drive Shreveport, LA 71105	mwebb@lacadvocate.org
8 Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union and West Carroll Parishes	Thursday, August 15, 2019 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 16, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Families Helping Families of NELA 5200 Northeast Road Monroe, LA 71203 Bayou Bowl 100 Horseshoe Lake Rd. Monroe, LA 71203	Konstance Causey (318) 361-0487 or (318) 547-9379 kcausey@lacadvocate.org
9 Livingston, St. Tammany, St. Helena, Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes	Thursday, August 15, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. OR 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Northshore Families Helping Families 204 West 21st Avenue Covington, LA 70433	Karen Artus (985) 875-0511 or (985) 264-1186 kartus@lacadvocate.org

How to Take Action

- Participate in your regional LaCAN membership meeting.
- Let your LaCAN leader know which issues you want considered on the Council's 2020 Legislative Advocacy Agenda.

Contact Us

LaCAN is an initiative of the LA Developmental Disabilities Council. If there are any questions about the information in this email, contact the Council by replying to this email, or calling the toll free number listed below:

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