



Action Alert #3: Support Funding for DD Services! Contact House Appropriations Committee

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Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the legislature is suspended until March 31st and possibly longer. The Council has also suspended all in-person activities until further notice. This suspension includes LaCAN Yellow Shirt Days, Member Meetings and Legislative Visits. [More information can be found here.](#)

Let the House Appropriations Committee know why funding home and community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities is important to you!

Currently, the main budget bill ([HB105](#)) **DOES NOT** include the following items:

1. [Funding to increase home and community-based service rates, including skilled nursing rates in Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment \(EPSDT\) services and waivers for people with developmental disabilities](#)
2. [Funding to implement the TEFRA \(Act 421 of 2019\)](#)
3. [Additional funding for the Families Helping Families \(FHF\) Regional Resource Centers](#)
4. [Additional funding for the State Personal Assistance Services \(SPAS\) program to serve all individuals on the waiting list](#)

If these issues are important to you or someone you know, **NOW** is the time to take action!

How to Take Action

1. **Email or call** members of the House Appropriations Committee by Tuesday March 30th!

Share your personal story and explain how the issues above would impact you, your family or someone you know.

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Confirm Your Action

- Notify your [LaCAN Leader](#) to confirm your action.
- Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are reaching you with important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

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