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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## Find Your Member of the House Appropriations Committee!

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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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