

Council's 2021 Legislative Agenda

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The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council adopted its 2021 Legislative Advocacy Agenda with input from both its grassroots advocacy network LaCAN (Louisiana Council's Advocacy Network) and Families Helping Families (FHF) Centers. Thank you to all the LaCAN members, LaCAN Leaders and FHF Centers who shared their agenda recommendations!

Home- and Community-Based Services

The Council will advocate for increased funding in the home- and community-based services delivery system to ensure people with developmental disabilities can remain in their own homes and be fully participating members of their communities.

- Increase Funding for the Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers
- Increase Provider Rates & Direct Support Professional Pay

Education

The Council will advocate for special education policies and practices to ensure student safety.

Require Cameras in Special Education Classrooms Upon Request

Get Involved

Individuals with disabilities, family members, and advocates are encouraged to take part in the Council's advocacy efforts by participating in upcoming *virtual* roundtables and legislative visits.

- Virtual roundtables will be held in February and March for each region of the state. These
 virtual events are an opportunity to gain more information about the 2021 Legislative
 Advocacy Agenda and connect with legislators. See the 2021 Legislative Roundtable
 schedule and register for yours today!
- Interested in advocating for these agenda items with your legislator? Reach out to your <u>LaCAN Leader</u> to participate in legislative visits.

For questions about virtual roundtables, legislative visits, or participating in other advocacy events, contact your LaCAN Leader or FHF Center.

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