



## Action Alert #1

# FY24 Executive Budget Proposal to be Presented Feb. 17th

February 10, 2023

On Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM, the Governor's proposed Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 24 (beginning July 1) will be presented to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget ([Agenda](#)). LaCAN and the Council will be advocating for the following issues to be funded this session:

1. [Recurring Funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers](#)
  - During the last two legislative sessions, an additional \$500,000 in state general fund (SGF) was added to the Council's budget specifically for FHF Centers. The Council's request to include this additional funding in its FY24 budget was denied leaving these Center's in an unfortunate situation. Total SGF needed is \$1,007,517.
2. [Fund Incontinence Supplies for Adults with Disabilities](#)
  - \$9.4 million SGF needed to provide all adults on Medicaid waivers for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) with incontinence supplies. Currently, incontinence supplies is covered for children and youth, but this coverage stops at age 21.
3. [Fund New & Existing Postsecondary Inclusive Education Programs for Students with I/DD](#)
  - \$3 million SGF to be added to the Postsecondary Inclusive Education Fund to continue efforts to increase and expand postsecondary inclusive education opportunities in Louisiana for individuals with I/DD.

If you feel any of the issues above are important and should be funded, let the committee and your legislators know!

### How to Take Action

Share your personal story and explain how you have been impacted by any of the issues above and why funding these issues is important.

1. **Email** [metoyers@legis.la.gov](mailto:metoyers@legis.la.gov) your public comments about the budget and issues above:
  - Only statements emailed to the address above and *received before noon on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>*, will be included in the meeting record.
  - With your comments, please ensure to include your name, address, phone number and email address and let them know you are writing about the FY24 budget.
2. **Email or call** your State Representative and Senator by Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>:
  - Click [here](#) for State Representative's full contact information.
  - Click [here](#) for State Senator's full contact information.

- Don't know your State Representative and/or Senator? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative and the second will be your State Senator.
  - With your comments, please ensure to include your name, address, phone number and email address and let them know you are writing about the FY24 budget.
3. **Watch** the budget presentation to see what impacts, if any, the proposed budget may have on the issues above and other disability related services.
- You can watch the committee meeting live from the [legislature's website](#). When the meeting is in progress, click the camera icon to access the broadcast.

## Confirm Your Action

- Email your [LaCAN Leader](#) after you take 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.

## Tips & Tools for Advocacy

Looking for tips and tools to help you in your advocacy? Check out the Council's [Advocacy 101](#) page. You can also find tips for:

- [Writing/emailing your legislators](#)
- [Calling your legislators](#)
- [Writing your story](#)

## Upcoming Legislative Roundtables & Visits

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 by each region of the state in February and March. These virtual events are an opportunity to gain more information about the 2023 Legislative Advocacy Agenda and connect with legislators. See the [2023 Legislative Roundtable schedule](#) and register for yours today!
- Interested in advocating for these agenda items with your legislator and regional delegation? Reach out to your [LaCAN Leader](#) to participate in legislative visits.

## 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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