



Action Alert #16

Senate Finance to Vote on FY24 Budget

June 2, 2023

This weekend, it's been reported Senate Finance will vote on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget ([HB1](#)) which will begin July 1st.

Unfortunately, the proposed budget lacks funding for two issues LaCAN has been advocating for this legislative 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 Fiscal Year 2024 budget was denied leaving Center's in an unfortunate situation.
2. [Fund New & Existing Postsecondary Inclusive Education Programs for Students with I/DD](#) - During the last legislative session, the Inclusive Postsecondary Inclusive Education Fund was established. An additional \$3 million in one-time funding is needed to help expand current programs and increase program availability across the state.

Advocates are encouraged to reach out to Senate Finance today to share how important these issues are to the disability community!

How to Take Action

Share your personal story and explain how you or someone you may know have been or will be impacted by any of the issues above.

1. **Email or call** the Chair and members of the Senate Finance Committee NOW! It is believed the committee may meet Saturday, so it is important to reach out today. Find your member(s) of the Senate Finance Committee at the end of this alert.
 - With your comments, please include your name, address, phone number, email address and bill number (HB1). Don't forget to thank the committee for supporting the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

The committee meeting will be live streamed on 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](#)

Contact Us

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