

Executive Director Report

Report to the Developmental Disabilities Council

July 2024

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Continuing Research Initiative

The Governor's Office of Disability Affairs is in the midst of applying for a DUNS account to research grant opportunities to better serve individuals with disabilities in Louisiana.



GODA endeavors to maximize funding opportunities that may be available from the Federal Government, and encourage any eligible state department and/or disability centric entity to apply to improve services to our constituents.

GODA Newsletters



The Governor's Office of **DISABILITY AFFAIRS**

June 2024 Newsletter

Statewide Disability
Resources

Disability Affairs
Website

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Governor's Office of Disability Affairs Newsletters Published and Transmitted following editions of the newsletters hyperlinked below in Quarter II:

[April](#), 2024 Newsletter

[May](#), 2024 Newsletter

[June](#), 2024 Newsletter

[July](#) 2024 Newsletter

2024 GODA Programs

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs Conference (August 2024)

As of July 3, 2024, GODA has received the following proposals:

- Grade Placement
- Estate Planning- Wills and Special Needs Trust
- Independence-Why Does it Matter
- 2024 Legislative Recap
- The Cycle of Burnout-Why Self Care Matters
- Inclusive Education-Universal Design For Learning
- Autism and the Changing Landscape of Childcare

Conference proposals are being accepted until July 1 and can be submitted via [Governor's Office of Disability Affairs 2024 Conference Request link](#).

Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities Awards (November or December 2024)

GODA is seeking members for the selection committee.

Inclusive Art Show Competition (November or December 2024)

GODA is seeking members for the selection committee.

Outreach Activities



The Governor's Office Participated in the following events during Quarter II:

- Louisiana Center for the Blind/ National Federation of the Blind- April 20, 2024
- Active For Autism Event: April 27, 2024
- Patient No More: People with Disabilities Securing Civil Rights: May 2, 2024
- People First Louisiana Annual Meeting: June 13, 2024

- Louisiana Youth Leadership Forum June 22, 2024
- Lake Charles Mayor's Commission on Disability July 11, 2024

Governor Landry recognized May 2024 as Mobility Awareness Month via signed proclamation.

The Governor's Office of Disability Affairs issued 16 of Certificates of Recognition including but not limited to:

- **2024 Louisiana Youth Leadership Forum Delegates** (13 in total)
- **Affiliated Bind of Louisiana-Baton Rouge Chapter**
- **People First of Louisiana**

§46:2583. Disability Affairs Trust Fund

The Governor's Office of Disability Affairs will explore all avenues to enforce the above referenced statute to ensure that each parish is properly remitting payments to the Disability Affairs Trust Fund, which provides:

A.(1) Subject to the provisions of R.S. 15:571.11, two-thirds of all fines collected for violations of parking restrictions established by R.S. 40:1742(B), two-thirds of all fines collected for false certification of mobility impairment by a physician as provided by R.S. 47:463.4(G)(4), and two-thirds of all fines collected for manufacture, sale, possession, or use of a counterfeit mobility-impaired placard as provided for in R.S. 47:463.4.3(B) shall be forwarded by the officer of the court who collects the same to the state treasurer within thirty days after the penalty or forfeiture is collected.

(2) In addition to all fines, fees, costs, and punishment prescribed by law for violations of mobility-impaired parking restrictions established by local ordinance or R.S. 40:1742, the court shall impose an additional fee of twenty-five dollars for each such violation. All monies collected from such additional fees shall be forwarded by the officer of the court who collects the same to the state treasurer within thirty days after the penalty or forfeiture is collected.

B. All funds received by the state treasurer as provided in Subsection A of this Section shall be deposited upon receipt in the state treasury. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to that deposited as required by this Subsection shall be credited to a special fund hereby created in the state treasury to be known as the "Disability Affairs Trust Fund". The monies in the fund shall be used solely as provided in this Section and only in the amounts appropriated by the legislature.

GODA Staff

Tillie Carrier of St. Landry Parish was hired as GODA's Senior Coordinator on June 12, 2024.

Jaden York was selected by the Landry Administration as GODA's Fellow, via the 2024 Governor's Fellows Program.

The Governor's Fellows Program in Louisiana Government is an opportunity for college and university student leaders to experience public policy in action, learn the rich history and current affairs of Louisiana government, and earn three hours of academic credit through LSU's Department of Public Administration.