



Action Alert #22

Attend Yellow Shirt Day to Support DD Services

August 28, 2024

As Louisiana stares down a looming fiscal cliff, advocates are encouraged to reach out to House Appropriation Committee members and put on their yellow in support of DD services!

On Friday, August 30th, the House Appropriations Committee will meet at 9 AM to discuss the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) FY26 budget and possible cuts to their budget that will have to be made based on current revenue projections. Multiple sources are reporting possibly hundreds of millions of dollars being cut from the state's Fiscal Year 26 (FY26) budget. Numerous news outlets have been sounding the alarms over an impending fiscal cliff once the state's .45% sales tax sunsets (ends) on June 30, 2025, and many legislators have indicated they will not support renewal of the tax. There are also numerous sales tax exemptions scheduled to start again. Shortfalls of this magnitude will inevitably lead to cuts to services and programs, especially rates and other services within the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD).

As Appropriations discusses LDH's upcoming budget and what, if any, impacts the fiscal cliff will have on services, its important committee members face a sea of yellow to let them know we are watching!

How to Take Action

Attend yellow shirt day, and share your personal story with the committee. Explain how cuts to services would impact you or someone you know.

1. Attend Yellow Shirt Day

- Friday, August 30th at 9:00 AM
- Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 5

2. Email or call the Chair and members of the House Appropriations Committee *before the committee* meets Friday, August 30th

- Find your member(s) of the House Appropriations Committee at the end of this alert.

3. Email h-app@legis.la.gov your public comments *before the committee* meets Friday, August 30th

- With your comments, please include your name, address, phone number and email address.

If you plan to attend Yellow Shirt Day, want to meet with your legislator(s) on the committee, need a yellow shirt or want to find out about carpooling options, contact your [LaCAN Leader](#).

Can't make it for yellow shirt day? 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](#)

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