



# PROTECT DISABILITY SERVICES FROM CUTS

## WHAT CAN LEGISLATORS DO

Protect the  
disability &  
elderly  
communities

Work to find  
real budgetary  
solutions to  
ensure all  
disability  
services remain  
in tact year  
after year.

## WHY DO THIS

Louisiana is known for its great food, friendly people, hurricanes and unfortunately, fiscal cliffs.

- Revenue Estimating Conference reported in December recent tax reforms addressed the FY26 fiscal cliff.
- It is unclear if future budget shortfalls and/or proposed “government efficiencies” will impact access to and providing of disability services.

In Louisiana, constitutional protections force the legislature to target the Department of Health (LDH) in times of fiscal crisis.

- Legislature asked LDH to explain what would happen if they received a \$100 million cut.
- Services to be reduced and/or cut listed on the back of this sheet.
- These are the services and supports thousands of people rely on to stay in their homes and communities and out of more costly institutional settings.
- As of the publication of this fact sheet, it is unclear if all or some of these cuts will happen despite the improved budget outlook.

Advocates over the years have fought hard to ensure Louisiana supports its citizens that need help. Yet, the disability and elderly community live in constant fear of losing services. We must ensure cuts and “efficiencies” do not happen on the backs of the disability community.



# LDH POTENTIAL REDUCTIONS

On August 30, 2024, LDH appeared before House Appropriations to discuss the impacts a \$100 million reduction in their budget would have. Below are the list of services and supports impacted. Despite a better than expected fiscal forecast, it is unclear what impacts this will have on LDH's FY26 and future budgets.

- Eliminating Pediatric Day Health Care Centers
- Eliminating Program of All Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE)
- Eliminating Adult Day Healthcare Waivers (ADHC)
- Repeal rate increases in Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) and Community Choices Waiver (CCW)
- Eliminate 2025 rate increase for Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)
- Eliminate 2025 rate increase for night rate services in DD waivers
- Eliminate the transportation per diem in DD waivers
- Eliminate the rate increase for Support Coordination Services
- Reduce Coordinated System of Care (CSoC)

