

Executive Director Report

Report to the Developmental Disabilities Council

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2025 Disability Awareness Day At The Capitol

The Split Second Foundation and The Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs will co-host the 2025 Disability Rights Day at the Capitol.

This event will enable disability based organizations to meet and interact with legislators, the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs, and state leaders during the 2025 Regular Session to emphasize the importance of their work in their communities.

Participants will be allowed to set up a table in the Capitol Rotunda to share information about their organization to legislators and the public.

A digital form will be circulated in the next GODA Newsletter to interested parties who would like to participate in the Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol event.

Legislative Session

The 2025 Legislative Session will convene on April 14, 2025 and adjourn on Thursday, June 12, 2025. The Governor's Office of Disability is monitoring all legislative activities, including pre filed bills and disability specific legislative priorities.

[House Bulletin](#)

[Senate Bulletin](#)

2025 Mayor's Initiative

This year, The Governor's Office of Disability Affairs and the Lake Charles Mayor's Office will coordinate a one day conference aimed to strengthen disability-centric Mayor's committees from around the state. The date of the Mayor's Initiative is TBD.

The breakout sessions will include the following:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Networking with other disability based committees, organizations, and state government
- ADA Accessibility
- Open Meetings Laws
- Transportation

2025 GODA Conference

The Governor's Office of Disability Affairs is in the midst of planning the 2025 GODA Conference, and is accepting proposals/topics for breakout sessions.

§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.