



Council's 2024 Legislative Agenda

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The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council adopted its 2024 Legislative Advocacy Agenda with input from its grassroots advocacy network LaCAN (Louisiana Council's Advocacy Network), Families Helping Families (FHF) Centers and various stakeholders throughout the disability community. Thank you to all who shared their ideas and agenda recommendations with the Council.

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1. The Council will advocate for additional funding for the nine FHF Regional Resource Centers it contracts with. During the last three legislative sessions, an additional \$500,000 was added to the Council's budget specifically for FHF Centers. The Council's request to include this additional funding in its Fiscal Year 2025 budget was denied leaving these Center's in an unfortunate situation.
 - [Recurring Funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers](#)
2. The Council will also advocate for the funding needed to eliminate the Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program wait list. This program is administered through the local human services districts/authorities and provides families of children with the most severe intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and/or behavioral health needs resources to help cover the excessive costs associated with their care. Approximately \$9.4 million in State General Fund is needed to serve all 2,258 individuals on the FFF wait list.
 - [Eliminate the Flexible Family Fund Wait List](#)
3. Finally, the Council will partner with the Arc of Louisiana to advocate for the funding needed to increase the rate for night services to match the current day rate within home- and community-based waivers for individuals with I/DD and the aging and adult populations. Currently, the night rate is \$5 less than the day rate (\$13.52 vs \$18.52). Approximately \$10.1 million in State General Fund is needed to balance this disparity.
 - [Increase the Waiver Rate for Night Services](#)

All factsheets, as updated, will be posted on the Council's [website](#).

Get Involved

The 2024 Legislative Session begins March 11, 2024 and will conclude on June 3rd. Individuals with disabilities, family members, and advocates are encouraged to take part in the Council's advocacy efforts by participating in upcoming legislative roundtables and legislative visits.

- Legislative roundtables will be held by each region of the state. Roundtables are an opportunity to gain more information about the 2024 Legislative Advocacy Agenda and connect with legislators. Stay tuned for additional information and how to register for the roundtable in your region.
- Interested in advocating for these agenda items with your legislator and regional delegation? Reach out to your [LaCAN Leader](#) to participate in legislative visits.

For questions about roundtables, legislative visits, or participating in other advocacy events, contact your [LaCAN Leader](#) or [FHF Center](#).

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