



PROTECT DISABILITY SERVICES

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, budget cuts.

- Revenue Estimating Conference reported in December new tax reforms fixed the FY26 fiscal cliff.
- It is unknown if future budget shortfalls and/or proposed “government efficiencies” will impact access to and providing of disability services.
- Constitutional protections force the legislature to target the Department of Health (LDH) in times of fiscal crisis.
- Many services for the elderly and disability communities are considered optional. This means they are the first to be cut.
- In reality, these services are NOT optional to the thousands of Louisianans who need them.
- People rely on these services to stay in their homes and communities and out of more costly institutional settings.
- As of the publication of this fact sheet, it is unknown if any services will be impacted in FY26.

Advocates over the years have fought hard to ensure Louisiana supports its citizens that need help. While our state may face budget crises from time to time, individuals with disabilities, the elderly and their families are in crisis mode every moment of every day. They live in constant fear of losing services. We must ensure cuts, “efficiencies” and “smaller government” do not happen on the backs of the disability community in FY26 and beyond.



WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Below is a list of services people with disabilities and the elderly rely on to meet their daily needs.

- Home and Community Based Waivers for Individuals with I/DD: New Opportunities (NOW), Residential Options (ROW), Supports and Children's Choice Waivers
- Act 378 programs: Individual and Family Support, Flexible Family Fund, Consumer Care Resources and State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS)
- EarlySteps
- Pediatric Day Health Care Centers
- Support Coordination Services
- Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
- Adult Day Healthcare (ADHC) and Community Choices (CCW) Waivers
- Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS)
- Coordinated System of Care (CSoC)

During past budget crises, all of these services were in jeopardy of elimination and/or massive rate cuts. This could put providers out of business and leave individuals with disabilities and their families with little to no options!

