

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs

Submitted to the Developmental Disabilities Council of Louisiana

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Legislation Proposals for the 2026 Regular Legislative Session

The 2026 Regular Legislative Session will convene on March 9, 2026. The Governor's Office of Disability Affairs ask that all legislative proposals are submitted to amar.ennis@la.gov by November 14, 2025 for consideration.

Impact of September 30, 2025 Federal Government Shutdown

GODA continues to the impact of the Governmental Shutdown as it pertains to services provided to individuals with disabilities in Louisiana.

- Beginning on November 1, 2025, no new SNAP benefits will be added to accounts of recipients;
- Impact to WIC, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program recipients
- Reduced employment opportunities due to furloughs;
- Impact to Council of Aging

GACDA Subcommittee Applications

Last call for interested parties to apply for GACDA Subcommittee membership. Please email resume and intent to apply to liam.doyle@la.gov. GACDA is accepting applications for the following subcommittees

Accessibility/Transportation Committee

The Accessibility/Transportation committee will meet quarterly to provide recommendations to identify the problems and concerns with issues of accessibility and transportation for Louisiana citizens with disabilities. The Committee provides assistance to ensure that transportation, communications, emergency services, public services, and public entities are accessible for people with disabilities.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

The Emergency Preparedness Committee will meet quarterly provide recommendations and suggestions to improve disability integration systems in Louisiana that are specific to emergency preparedness on behalf of individuals with disabilities.

Programs Committee

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The Programs Committee shall meet quarterly to assist the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs in the planning coordination of its programs, including but not limited to the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs Annual Conference, the Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities Awards, Inclusive Art Contest.

2025 GOLD Awards and Inclusive Art Contest

The Governor's Office of Disability Affairs will host both the Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disability (GOLD) Awards and Inclusive Arts Contest on December 10, 2025. The deadline for submissions for both programs is **November 3, 2025**.

GOLD Awards and Inclusive Art Contest Flyer and Information Packet:

<https://www.gov.louisiana.gov/assets/2025-Programs/Disability-Affairs/2025-GOLD-Awards/2025-GOLD-Awards-flyer.pdf>