



INVEST IN LOUISIANA REHABILITATION SERVICES

WHAT CAN LEGISLATORS DO

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) needs \$6.8 million in State General Funds to receive all \$72 million in federal matching funds for our state

WHY DO THIS

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) helps people with disabilities prepare for, find, and keep jobs

LRS provides job training, career counseling, and assistive technology

When funding increased last year:

- 22% more people applied for services
- 35% increase in new service approvals

WHY ACTION IS NEEDED

- \$155 million in federal funds lost over 5 years
- Funding that could have put people with disabilities to work
- Staff shortages limit timely services at LRS
- Long waits and denied services are the result
- Investing means valuing talent, work, and independence of people with disabilities

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS

- Every \$1 Louisiana invests brings \$3.69 from the federal government
- More people with disabilities can get jobs and earn a paycheck
- Working people pay taxes and help grow Louisiana's economy
- Fewer people need public assistance and benefits
- Individuals and families have a better quality of life

