

Disability Rights Rally 2010!!!

April 28, 2010

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Each Spring a coalition of advocacy organizations invite people with disabilities, family members, policy makers, business leaders, and providers to gather at the state Capitol to celebrate our accomplishments, friendships, advocacy and community.

This Rally is held to promote Louisiana moving to a culture of supporting and accepting individuals with disabilities as full contributing and inclusive members of their communities. Rally participants are advocating for legislators to consider:

- ◆ Consolidation and closure of developmental centers to provide a better quality of life for current residents and use cost savings to serve people on the waiver waiting list.
 - ◆ Implementation of the Resource Allocation Model in developmental centers.
 - ◆ Preservation of the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) and the NOW Trust Fund.
- Other funding that enhances the availability and quality of home and community based services.

The [2009 Disability Rights Rally](#) involved over 800 people showing their support to legislators working towards positive change for Louisiana! Let's show our support again in 2010!!

Let your Legislators know you are coming!

You are encouraged to contact your legislators and let them know you will be at the Capitol for the Rally. Many legislators often come out on the Capitol steps and meet their constituents participating in the Rally. You are also encouraged to meet with your legislators directly before and after the rally. [LaCAN Leaders](#) are available and will be coordinating these meetings. This can serve as an opportunity for you to share your stories and requests.

Rally Planning Organizations

The Disability Rights Rally 2010 is being organized and supported through the collaborative efforts of the [Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council](#), [the Arc of Louisiana](#), [The Advocacy Center](#), LaCAN, [Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers](#), and [People First of Louisiana](#).

If you would like more information on the Rally, please contact your regional [LaCAN leader](#), [Families Helping Families Center](#), or the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council at 1-800-450-8108.