

Council's Grassroots Advocacy

What is it and why is it important?



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LA COUNCIL'S ADVOCACY NETWORK

LaCAN Advocacy Results

Community and Family Support System (Act 378 of 1989)

- **12,000 people with waiver slots**
- **2,000 receive Flexible Family Fund**
- **3,000 receive state funded supports in their own homes**
- **Families Helping Families**

LaCAN Advocacy Results

LaCAN is also responsible for Act 481 of 2007 which established the NOW Trust Fund, creating a funding source for NOW slots

LaTEACH Advocacy Results

- Act 833 of 2014 provided a pathway to promotion and a diploma for certain students with disabilities
- Act 467 of 2015 clarified that all schools receive funding based on the same funding formula beginning in the 15/16 school year

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**COUNCIL'S
2017
LEGISLATIVE
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AGENDA**

Home and Community Based Services

- ❑ Funding to provide waiver services to a minimum of 500 people
- ❑ Funding to bring all Districts/Authorities to an equitable SGF level with mandatory minimum dedicated to Act 378 services
- ❑ Enhanced waiver rate to support people with complex behavioral/medical needs
- ❑ Increased rate for Personal Care Services under EPSDT

Education

- ☐ Mandate that the weighted formula be used on the local share of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) for all school systems, including charter schools.

Employment

- ❑ Appropriate an additional \$5 million in SGF to allow Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) to draw down 100% of the state's federal vocational rehabilitation (VR) allotment.

Federal Issues

- ❑ Change federal law to make home and community based waiver services available to all those who are eligible, removing the institutional bias from Medicaid. The Disability Integration Act of 2015 would achieve this.

Legislative Visits

- Regional Teams
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- Council's Legislative Agenda
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