

Information Alert Join the Council's Advocacy Leadership Team!

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The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is currently accepting applications for Advocacy Team Leaders in several regions of the state. Both part-time and full-time positions are available.

Region 1 Advocacy Team Leader - LaCAN/LaTEACH

- Full-time position (35 hours/week)
- Starting Pay: \$12/hour
- Will lead advocacy for both home and community-based services (HCBS) and education
- Serving Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Bernard parishes
- Based out of Families Helping Families of Southeast Louisiana

Region 3 Advocacy Team Leader - LaTEACH

- Part-time position (15 hours/week)
- Starting Pay: \$10-12/hour
- Will lead advocacy for education
- Serving Assumption, Lafourche, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne, St. Charles, St. Mary parishes
- Based out of Bayou Land Families Helping Families

Region 4 Advocacy Team Leader(s) - LaCAN and/or LaTEACH

- Full-time or part-time positions available (15-35 hours/week)
- Starting Pay: \$10-12/hour
- Will lead advocacy for home and community-based services (HCBS) and/or education
- Serving Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermilion parishes
- Based out of <u>Families Helping Families of Acadiana</u>

Region 7 Advocacy Team Leader - LaTEACH

- Part-time position (15 hours/week)
- Starting Pay: \$10-12/hour
- Will lead advocacy for education
- Serving Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Red River, Natchitoches, Sabine, Webster parishes
- Based out of Families Helping Families of Region VII

Region 8 Advocacy Team Leader - LaTEACH

- Part-time position (15 hours/week)
- Starting Pay: \$10-12/hour

- Will lead advocacy for education
- Serving Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll parishes
- Based out of Families Helping Families of Northeast LA

Region 9 Advocacy Team Leader - LaTEACH

- Part-time position (15 hours/week)
- Starting Pay: \$10-12/hour
- Will lead advocacy for education
- Serving Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes
- Based out of <u>Northshore Families Helping Families</u>

Region 10 Advocacy Team Leader - LaCAN/LaTEACH

- Full-time position (35 hours/week)
- Starting Pay: \$12/hour
- Will lead advocacy for both home and community-based services (HCBS) and education
- Serving Jefferson parish
- Based out of Families Helping Families of Jefferson

What Does an Advocacy Team Leader Do?

- Recruits and develops relationships with advocacy members from within their region, keeping them informed, encouraged, and engaged in advocacy.
- Develops relationships with local legislators and other key policymakers educating them about the impact of policy decisions on individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Assists members in developing personal relationships with their policymakers and supports them in sharing their personal story as it relates to advocacy issues.
- Organizes regional advocacy activities, such as, legislative visits, roundtables, etc.

Who Should Apply?

Applicants should be a resident of the region for which they are applying and have:

- effective verbal and written communication skills
- · strong organizational and presentation skills
- proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel
- knowledge of the developmental disabilities service delivery system
- reliable transportation (travel required for meetings)
- an unwavering belief that ALL people with disabilities, regardless of the severity of the disability, can and should live in their own home in the community with appropriate supports
- an unwavering belief that people with disabilities should not be segregated

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- have been an active member of the Council's grassroots advocacy network(s)
- are an individual with a developmental disability or a parent/family member of someone with a developmental disability
- experience working/advocating with the legislature

Who Should Apply?

Submit ALL of the following information to Brenton Andrus, DDC Program Monitor, at brenton.andrus@la.gov:

- resume
- **cover letter** (This letter should include why you are interested in the position, any previous involvement in advocacy, and why you feel you would be the best candidate)
- three professional references

Please direct questions to Brenton at 1-800-450-8108 or at the email address listed above.

Any questions?

If there are any questions about the information in this alert, contact LaTEACH at:

Email: info@lateach.org Phone: 1-800-450-8108 Phone: 1-800-894-6558 Website: www.lateach.org

LaTEACH is an initiative of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.