



Leading the way for people with developmental disabilities

Talking Points for discussion with legislators

The state budget does not contain enough money to fund disability services, which include community home services, in-home waiver services, and vocational services.

These services keep individuals healthy, safe and improves their quality of life.

Rates to **ALL** programs have been cut several times over the past 10 years, and have **NEVER** been restored.

LOUISIANA'S DISABILITY SYSTEM ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE

Extremely low reimbursement rates have created an access to services and a workforce crisis. Providers aren't able to hire and retain staff to meet the needs of the individuals who are currently receiving services.

We need your help! we need you to FULLY invest in the disability system.

1. **RESTORE** and **REBASE** the services that are provided to the individuals we serve:
 - a. Appropriate \$40 Million in State General Funds to LDH's budget to restore previous cuts back to the 2008 level, and re-base rates to fund these vital services.

Without these services, individuals will likely enter more costly state-operated facilities, and access more costly hospital services to get their needs met!

