

LaCAN Accomplishments 1988 – 2010

1988

- ◀ First Community Integration Conference held and visions of a personalized system of supports were created
- ◀ Creation of LaCAN, Louisiana Citizens for Action NOW!
- ◀ Development of vision statements outlining principles of individualized supports
- ◀ Regional forums held to present vision statements and obtain comments from people using services
- ◀ Legislation developed stating principles of individualized supports

1989

- ◀ Passage of Act 378
- ◀ Creation of Advisory Committee on the Community and Family Support System
- ◀ Working committees comprised primarily of parents and adults with disabilities meet throughout the year to design components of Plan

1990

- ◀ Development of written plan outlining statewide system of community and family supports
- ◀ Plan presented to Department of Health and Hospitals and Department of Social Services

1991

- ◀ Presentation of Community and Family Support System Plan to Joint Health and Welfare Committee of Louisiana Legislature
- ◀ \$1.3 million allocated for FY 1991-92 to begin funding of Community and Family Support System
 - Cash subsidies for 600 families beginning January 1992
 - Funding of supported living services not reimbursable through Medicaid
 - Funding to begin supported living programs

1992

- ◀ Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver expanded to include supported living services for adults
- ◀ Legislative resolution passed calling for the implementation of TEFRA Option
- ◀ Formation of regional family support advisory councils
- ◀ \$2.7 million allocated to continue funding initial implementation of Community and Family Support System for 1992-93
 - Continuation of cash subsidies for 600 families
 - Funds for services not reimbursable through Medicaid and/or independent service coordination for non-Medicaid eligible families
 - Funds for supported living services not reimbursable through Medicaid
 - Funds to continue supported living programs

1993

- ◀ Report issued outlining recommendations for adoption of TEFRA
- ◀ 1500 people receiving Home and Community Based Waiver Services
- ◀ \$2.8 million allocated to Community and Family Support
 - Same services continued

1994

- ◀ Legislative Fiscal Office issues Developmental Disabilities Study at request of chairman of House Appropriations Committee
- ◀ 350 new slots for Home and Community Based Waiver
- ◀ \$6.1 million appropriated for Community and Family Support
 - Continuation of prior year services
 - 500 additional cash subsidies are funded
 - Initial funding for adoption of the TEFRA Medicaid Option

1995

- ◀ Continuation budget for Community and Family Support
- ◀ \$15 million for implementation of TEFRA (In October, 1995 this appropriation was cancelled by the Joint Budget Committee)
- ◀ DHH makes massive cuts in Medicaid Program, including the Home and Community Based Waiver (Most cuts in waiver services are restored several months later)
- ◀ Medicaid Psychiatric Rehabilitation is cut by 60%

1996

- ◀ Continuation budget for Community and Family Support
- ◀ Targeted Case Management is eliminated for the developmental disabilities and mental health populations
- ◀ Medicaid Psychiatric Rehabilitation is cut an additional 60%
- ◀ Over 2,000 people receiving Home and Community Based Waiver Services

1997

- ◀ Continuation of 1996-97 services
- ◀ An additional \$9.9 MILLION is appropriated for Community and Family Supports
 - 340 new MR/DD Waiver slots brings total to 2,751
 - Comprehensive state funded support services for 460 persons on Medicaid waiver waiting list
 - Cash subsidies for 315 additional families
 - Additional funds for respite for families of children with severe emotional disturbance
 - New supported living program for 12 adults with chronic mental illness
- ◀ Implementation of hospital diversion plan shifts funds to Medicaid Psychiatric Rehabilitation

1998

- ◀ Continuation of 1997-98 services
- ◀ An additional \$11.5 million is appropriated for Community and Family Support
 - 700 new MR/DD Waiver Slots brings total to 3,451
 - Cash subsidies for 539 additional families brings total to 1979
 - Additional funds for family support services for children with emotional/behavioral disturbance.
 - Information and support for parents of children with emotional/behavioral disturbance
- ◀ Three pilot projects for single point of entry/information and referral through OCDD and Families Helping Families
- ◀ New supported living program for adults with severe physical disabilities
- ◀ Diagnosis and evaluation for 700 new waiver slots
- ◀ 15 new staff positions in OCDD and Medicaid to process new waiver slots
- ◀ Amendment passed calling for DHH to research the implementation of TEFRA in other states and submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget prior to January 1, 1999, a report for its review and approval on a proposed TEFRA option plan for implementation in FY '99-2000.
- ◀ \$350,000 appropriated by the Legislature for Families Helping Families to validate the waiver waiting list was vetoed by the Governor.

1999

- ◀ Continuation of 1998-99 services
- ◀ An additional \$23.5 million is appropriated for Community and Family Support
 - 800 new MR/DD Waiver Slots bring total to 4251
 - New funds for the implementation of the Medicaid option TEFRA*
 - The implementation of TEFRA was halted three weeks prior to beginning on January 1, 2000 due to projected budget shortfalls in Medicaid.

2000

- ◀ Continuation of 1999-2000 services

*As an alternative to TEFRA, the administration recommended and the legislature appropriated \$7.6 million to initiate services in January 2001 under a new capped children's waiver called Children's Choice. LaCAN opposed this "trade off" for several reasons, one being the cap of \$7,000. The \$7.6 million was never spent, as the very first children to receive services under Children's Choice did not do so until June 2001.

2001

- ◀ Passage of Act 1147 which amends Act 378
- ◀ Disability Services and Supports System Planning Group and Consumer Task Force (DSSS/CTF) are formed to develop an Olmstead plan to reform Louisiana's long term care system

- ◀ Consumer Task Force submits Phase I plan recommendations to DHH
- ◀ Continuation of 2000-2001 services
- ◀ An additional \$2,474,000 is appropriated for Community and Family Support
- ◀ \$ 2,229,000 to increase reimbursement rates for MR/DD Waiver
- ◀ \$ 245,000 for funding to expand the OCDD and FHF Information and Referral Programs statewide.
- ◀ \$9,000,000 for 500 new Children's Choice Waiver slots
- ◀ \$124,000 for expansion of Community Living Ombudsman Program (CLOP)
- ◀ \$25,964,446 to increase waiver slots in the Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver, Adult Day Health Care Waiver and Personal Care Attendant Waiver

2002

- ◀ DSSS/CTF planning process continues
- ◀ Bureau of Community Supports and Services submits amended MR/DD waiver to CMS
- ◀ Continuation of 2001 - 2002 services
- ◀ An additional \$20,150,000 for Community and Family Support
 - \$250,000 for FHF
 - \$13.8 million for MR/DD Waiver Re-Write Recommendations
 - \$6.1 million for 325 new MR/DD Waiver slots
- ◀ Additional funds for an interim rate increase for Supervised Independent Living Services (\$440,000 a month until the re-write recommendations are implemented)
- ◀ Additional funds to expand CLOP
- ◀ Passage of SCR 5 - Freedom of Choice for Private ICF/MR residents
- ◀ Children's Choice Cap is increased to \$15,000

2003

- ◀ An additional \$250,000 SGF for Families Helping Families Resource Centers bringing total funding to \$500,000
- ◀ Increased funding was appropriated to expand the menu of services and provide for higher rates in the newly approved New Opportunities Waiver
- ◀ \$8,030,000 for 400 new Elderly and Disabled Adult waiver slots
- ◀ \$547,500 for 25 new Personal Care Attendant waiver slots
- ◀ \$28 million to implement the Personal Care Medicaid State Plan Option

2004

- ◀ A study resolution was passed requesting the House and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare to study and develop implementation strategies for Money Follows the Individual
- ◀ A study resolution was passed directing DHH to study and develop a five-year plan to eliminate the disparity in DSP wages for those working in community programs versus those in state operational institutions
- ◀ \$3,735,600 for 66 emergency NOW waiver slots - the budget for the NOW waiver for 04/05 was set at approximately \$221 million (federal and state funds)

- ◀ \$1,119,266 for 150 new Elderly and Disabled Adult waiver slots
- ◀ \$381,375 for 25 new Personal Care Attendant waiver slots

2005

- ◀ \$2,642,694 for 100 additional New Opportunities Waiver slots
- ◀ Passage of Act 128 - Reauthorization of the OCDD Law
- ◀ Passage of Act 451 – DSPs perform certain non-complex medical tasks

2006

- ◀ \$8,407,500 for 200 additional New Opportunities Waiver slots
- ◀ Funding for 1350 additional Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver slots
- ◀ Funding for 150 waiver slots for people with ALS
- ◀ Funding for 125 Adult Day Care Health Waiver slots
- ◀ Passage of Act 555 – All proceeds from the sale of OCDD property will be used to expand or enhance Home and Community Based supports
- ◀ Metropolitan Developmental Center was closed

2007

- ◀ Passage of Act 481 that provides a recurring source of funding for New Opportunities Waiver services
- ◀ Funding for 1500 additional New Opportunities Waiver Slots
- ◀ Funding for 200 additional Children’s Choice slots
- ◀ Funding for 200 additional Supports Waiver slots
- ◀ Funding for 200 Residential Waiver slots
- ◀ Increased funding that allows OCDD to provide individual and family support services to all people with developmental disabilities with needs classified as priority 1 or 2.
- ◀ Funding to implement the Family Opportunity Act Program
- ◀ Continuation funding for the DSP wage “pass through” that was implemented in Spring 2007

2008

- ◀ Protection of the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Trust Fund to support new NOW slots
- ◀ Funding for 2,025 additional New Opportunities Waiver Slots
- ◀ Mitigating the amount of rate cuts to providers of home and community-based services

2009

- ◀ Protection of the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Trust Fund to support new NOW slots
- ◀ Passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 116 that requires OCDD to report on the status of filling waiver slots. OCDD continued to make offers for waiver slots
- ◀ Reduced the amount of rate cuts to providers of home and community-based

services

- ◀ Prevented an individual cap on NOW services
- ◀ DHH submitting recommendations to reform the system by consolidating and closing developmental centers and recognizing better outcomes and cost efficiencies of using waiver services

2010

- ◀ 150 additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Slots
- ◀ The closure of Northeast Supports and Services (Developmental) Center
- ◀ The downsizing of the remaining developmental centers by 20%
- ◀ 425 Children's Choice Waiver Slots
- ◀ \$4.2 Million to be used to speed up the processing of waiver slots and for one-time expenses for individuals with DD and their families (These funds were deposited into the Community and Family Support Fund from the sale of Metropolitan Developmental Center)