



## Louisiana’s Disability Services System Needs YOUR Support!

Across Louisiana, nearly 41,000 individuals with disabilities and their families depend on a system of services to remain healthy and safe in their communities.

These services include but are not limited to:

Personal Care Assistance	Supported Living & Residential Services
Medication Administration	Support Coordination
Skilled Nursing	Vocational Services

After years of cuts, the legislature acted in 2019 to restore and rebase Medicaid reimbursement rates to 2008 levels for disability service organizations. This was a crucial first step in stabilizing the disability services system, but we still need to make up more than a decade of lost ground. Doing business in 2021 with 2008 rates is unsustainable, especially with the added pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing workforce crisis on the disability services system.

### We need the legislature’s help to get us closer to 2021 funding levels.

The social security cost of living adjustment (COLA) index rose by 22.3% between 2008 and 2021. Based on this rate, we estimate that Louisiana would need to invest \$71.1M in state general fund dollars to bring reimbursement rates from 2008 to 2021 levels. We ask the legislature to help us get to this figure over the next couple of years.

### An appropriation of \$35.5 million in state general fund (SGF) dollars in FY22 will get us halfway to this goal.

**Please stand up for individuals with disabilities by funding these services!**

