

Invest in Independence, Fund LRS Services

Last year, the Legislature appropriated \$4 million of the \$11 million requested. As a result, LRS applications increased by 22% and new authorizations increased by 35%, showing the strong demand for services when funding is available



Full funding allows LRS to:

- Hire essential staff and reduce caseloads
- Continue efforts to increase entry-level pay for counselors
- Expand Pre-ETS provider contracts
- Serve more than 30,000 Louisianans with disabilities

We have been informed that the \$4 million added last year has been included in this year's budget, leaving the remaining \$7 million needed to fully fund LRS.



If this funding is not maintained, Louisiana will once again:

- Underserve people with disabilities
- Lose federal dollars to other states
- Leave people at home instead of working
- Increase reliance on public assistance
- Miss opportunities for long-term savings and economic growth



What Can YOU Do?

We need the legislature to allocate the additional \$7 million in State General Funds so that LRS can draw down their full match.

**Keep the momentum going, invest in
employment services and get people who
have disabilities back to work!**