

Developmental Services Rally At The Capitol!

11am-noon Wednesday, March 4th North steps of the Capitol (by L Street)

The Lanterman Coalition's 19 members continue to push for funding reform to fix our developmental services system, and we've got a big opportunity for you to advocate for our system and <u>your</u> services.

The Coalition is holding a rally mere hours before the first major Budget hearing on developmental services funding. We're working on a roster of special speakers, and will be seizing this chance to show our strength, and raise our voice! Please join us from 11-noon, Wednesday March 4th, on the north steps of the Capitol, just across from 11th and L Streets!

And after this rally, your advocacy still matters!

At 1:30pm, in room 4202, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee that is responsible for developmental services funding will be talking about the Budget. This is your first, best chance to tell the Legislature why your service system needs a 10% increase now, and long-term funding reform. The system that supports people to live in communities of their choosing needs you. Every voice throws light on a part of this common problem we are facing.

Join us at the 1:30pm hearing, in room 4202 of the Capitol, and testify to how and why this system needs meaningful funding reform!

The Lanterman Coalition is made up of the major stakeholders in California's community-based developmental service system, is uniting around a single critical goal. Years of underfunding, cuts, rate freezes, old funding formulas, and inflation have hurt service providers and regional centers' ability to ensure people with developmental disabilities and their families get the services and supports they need. To fix this, our system needs a 10% across-the-board funding increase now, and 5% increases yearly, until funding for provider rates and regional center services is reformed.