



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Date

Name

Address

City, State Zip Code

Dear XXX,

You are receiving this letter because our records show that you or your family member is currently on the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) waiting list, officially known as the Request for Services Registry (RFSR). This means that you or your family member with a disability is waiting to receive services through the NOW. These services are designed to help you live at home and fully participate in your community.

Beginning October 10, 2016 through May 30, 2017, you will be contacted by a screening project representative who will schedule a time to meet with you to learn more about you and your family member's needs. The screening project representative will complete a formal screening, called the Screening for Urgency of Need (SUN). The screening process will take the place of your yearly validation. The screening is NOT an offer for services. It is important that you complete the screening to remain on any future registry.

During the screening, the screening project representative will talk with you about your needs and supports, and ask questions about: 1) the types of existing formal and informal supports/services you and/or your family may currently receive; 2) types of supports/services you and/or your family need but do not currently receive; and 3) the urgency of the support needs identified. Information obtained from this screening process will inform future legislative requests for waiver funding by the Louisiana Department of Health.

After the screening process, the screening project representative will make appropriate referrals to the regional Human Services District/Authority or other governmental agency. Your name and current registry protected date will not change on the current registry.

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If you have questions regarding the upcoming screening, please visit <http://ldh.louisiana.gov/systemtransformation> for information to help answer your concerns. You may also call JoAnn Payne toll-free at 1-866-517-7687 or email ocddsystemtransformation@la.gov.

OCDD remains committed to ensuring that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have appropriate services and supports that best suit their needs, integration and access, flexibility to choose where they want to live, and a better quality of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Thomas" being the most legible parts.

Mark A. Thomas
OCDD Assistant Secretary