

# SUMMARY OF THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2012-13 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS)



DDS is responsible, under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act), for ensuring that more than 258,000 persons with developmental disabilities receive the services and supports they require to lead more independent and productive lives and to make choices and decisions about their lives. California provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities in two ways:

- Support in the community to live in their families' homes or other community settings and receive state-funded services that are coordinated by one of 21 regional centers. The number of consumers with developmental disabilities in the community, served by regional centers, is expected to grow next year.
- A small number of individuals live in four state-operated developmental centers and one state-operated community facility. The number of consumers living in state-operated residential facilities will decrease next year.

The Governor's total budget FY 2012-13 for DDS is \$4.7 billion, which represents an increase of \$61.2 million over this year's budget. The budget also includes a 100 million dollar decrease this year.



The following adjustments to community service programs and developmental centers will be made to meet the Governor's budget:

## Community Services Program



- an increase to funding for regional center operations and purchase of services to cover increased caseload and expenses;

- an increase to reflect the end of the 4.25% payment reduction on June 30, 2012;

- an increase for the Financial Management Services for Participant-Directed Services;

- an increase to reflect a fund shift from California First Five Commission to General Fund (Proposition 10);

- a decrease in funding in regional center operations for the ICF-DD State Plan for management fees and day treatment and transportation costs for ICF-DD-H residents;

- a decrease to reflect reduction in cost for Adult Day Health Centers and reductions in Medi-Cal caps and co-payments;

- a decrease to reflect trigger reductions to be achieved.



## Developmental Centers

- an increase, due to state wide Control Sections, that drove adjustments in retirement and health benefits rates;

- an increase in reimbursement ability for the state staff in the community program;

- a decrease, due to updated Quality Assurance Fees paid by developmental centers;

- an increase to retain 28 positions for enhanced Lanterman Closure staffing;

- a decrease for Level of Care and Non-Level of Care staffing;

- a decrease for various reductions, including cell phone reductions, as part of state wide savings and funding changes.





DDS' budget will also face another decrease of 200 million to the developmental services system for FY 2012-13 due to the "trigger" bill. The reason for the "trigger bill" is because the State of California did not meet the savings goal required by the Legislatures, which forced the Governor to make more reductions to DDS, as well as other state departments.

### Stakeholder Workgroup Meetings



- DDS has scheduled six stakeholder workgroup meetings throughout state to get input on how to achieve the required savings of 200 million required by "trigger bill". The workgroups will be made up of consumers, family members, service providers, advocacy organizations, and regional centers. The workgroup members will be appointed by organizations dealing with the developmental services system.



- DDS also welcomes written suggestions from members of the community. These suggestions should be submitted by **March 1, 2012** to John Schmidt at [John Schmidt](#) or mailed to: Department of Developmental Services, John Schmidt, P.O. Box 944202, Sacramento, California 94244-2020