

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
PLAN for the CLOSURE of AGNEWS DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The “Plan for the Closure of Agnews Developmental Center” is submitted by the Department of Developmental Services (Department) pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, section 4474.1. The plan calls for the closure of Agnews Developmental Center (Agnews) by June 30, 2007.

The Department considered it essential that all interested stakeholders have an opportunity to participate in planning for the closure. Therefore, a broad based advisory committee was established along with six planning teams and numerous work groups to provide input to the Department in planning the closure. In developing this plan, the Department incorporated many of the ideas expressed by these participants.

This plan differs significantly from the plans implemented for the two most recent closures of developmental centers in California—Stockton Developmental Center in 1996, and Camarillo State Hospital and Developmental Center in 1997. Those closures resulted in the transfer of large numbers of individuals to other State-operated facilities. In contrast, this plan is not just about closing a developmental center; it is also about the development of an enhanced community service delivery system in the Bay Area that can meet the needs of the majority of Agnews’ residents. The basic principle underlying this plan is to provide opportunities for the residents of Agnews to remain in their home communities. To achieve this objective, the plan provides for the development of new resources and innovative programs throughout the Bay Area. This will be accomplished through:

- Establishing a permanent stock of housing dedicated to serve individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Establishing new residential models by expanding the Adult Family Home Agency to include the ‘Family Teaching Model’ and by establishing a residential pilot project for adults with special health care and intensive support needs.
- Utilizing Agnews’ employees on a transitional basis in community settings to augment and enhance services including health care, clinical services and quality assurance.
- Implementing a Quality Management system that focuses on assuring that quality services and supports are available prior to, during, and after transition of each person leaving Agnews. The components of the Quality Management system include: (1) Performance Indicators and Measures; (2) Individual Satisfaction Measures; (3) Databases that Provide Information on Achievement of Performance Indicators; and (4) A Quality Management Review Commission.

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Preliminary estimates of the fiscal impact of this plan are provided for Fiscal Years 2004-2005 through 2009-2010. The detail identifies by fiscal year, the cost factors involved in transitioning service delivery from Agnews to the community. Although the closure of Agnews will require a different approach to resource development, the estimates are consistent with the Department's experience with the closures of Stockton Developmental Center and Camarillo State Hospital and Developmental Center. In those efforts, additional funds were needed to affect the closure; however, the ongoing savings offset these up front costs.

The date indicated for the closure of Agnews (June 30, 2007) is the Department's goal; however, our ability to attain this goal is directly linked to the implementation of each of the components of the plan (housing, new program models and the use of state staff). Delay in achieving these key components could result in a delay in the proposed closure date.

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