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August 1, 2014

[Name]
[Organization]
[Address]
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Dear [Name]:

DC Task Force Implementation Workgroups - 2014

To implement recommendations of the Health and Human Services Agency Task Force on the Future of Developmental Centers' January 13, 2014 report, "Plan for the Future of Developmental Centers in California," the Department of Developmental Services (Department) developed several proposals that were introduced with proposed revisions to the Governor's Budget in May and were signed into law in June as part of SB 856, the Developmental Services 2014-15 Budget trailer bill.

The Department now asks for your organization's participation in a stakeholder process to provide input on the proposals and for the development of regulations related to these initiatives.

The Department would like to invite representatives from your organization to participate in a series of three stakeholder workgroup meetings to provide initial input on the following topics:

- New Models of Care for Challenging Behavioral Needs
 - Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes
 - Community Crisis Homes
- Acute Crisis Units at Sonoma and Fairview Developmental Centers
- Community State Staff Program Expansion
- Developmental Center Resident Transition Planning

Each workgroup will meet over the course of two days in each location. The specific times and locations are as follows:

"Building Partnerships, Supporting Choices"

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- FRESNO
August 27, 2014, from 9:30am to 5:00pm
Continuing on August 28th from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Hugh Burns State Building
2550 Mariposa Mall, Room 1036
Fresno, CA 93721
- LOS ANGELES
September 3, 2014, from 9:30am to 5:00pm
Continuing on September 4th from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Junipero Serra Office Building
320 West Fourth Street, Auditorium
Los Angeles, CA 90013
<http://losangeles.bestparking.com/>
- SACRAMENTO
September 10, 2014, from 9:30am to 5:00pm
Continuing on September 11th from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Department of Health Care Services
1700 K. Street, 1st Floor Conference Room
Sacramento, CA 95811

The workgroups will include representation from throughout California, including organizations representing consumers and consumer advocates, family members, regional centers, and other stakeholders. We are asking that your organization appoint one representative to attend each of the three stakeholder workgroup meetings. To ensure that a wide range of local community perspectives are represented, we ask that your organization appoint a different regional representative to each workgroup location (Fresno, Los Angeles and Sacramento).

Due to the limited capacity of the state conference rooms, these initial stakeholder workgroups are limited to invited participants. There will be additional opportunities for public comment as the stakeholder process proceeds.

The Department plans to hold a conference call for workgroup members prior to August 27th to provide background on the topics to help prepare your representatives for participation in the workgroup meetings. Details of the date and time of this conference call will follow shortly. This call will be a "listen-only" presentation and will be open to members of the public, in addition to stakeholder organizations.

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By August 18, 2014, please send the name and contact information (including telephone number and email address) of each of your representatives, by location, to John Schmidt at john.schmidt@dds.ca.gov or mail to:

John Schmidt
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Department of Developmental Services
P.O. Box 944202
Sacramento, CA 94244-2020

We appreciate your willingness to participate. The Department is strongly committed to working with its stakeholders as it seeks feedback in support of the Task Force Recommendations.

If you have any questions regarding the workgroup process, please contact John Schmidt at (916) 654-1902 or john.schmidt@dds.ca.gov. Materials regarding the stakeholder workgroups will be posted on the DDS website at: www.dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

SANTI J. ROGERS
Director