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Dear Family Members, Guardians and Conservators:

As a parent, family member, guardian and/or conservator of an individual living at Porterville Developmental Center (PDC), you're invited to attend the next family information session hosted by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and Porterville Developmental Center to continue the discussion regarding the closure of the General Treatment Area (GTA).

This meeting will feature:

- A budget update from the Director of DDS, Nancy Bargmann, highlighting items related to the closure of the developmental centers (DCs)
- DDS representatives with expertise on different housing types and the transition process
- Representatives from Central Valley Regional Center, Kern Regional Center, Tri-Counties Regional Center and the Porterville Regional Project
- Representatives from some of the community providers working with people moving from PDC
- Photos and videos of different types of homes available in the community

The event will begin with updates from DDS Director Nancy Bargmann and will continue with staff from DDS, PDC, the Porterville Regional Project and the Regional Centers to answer questions about the transition process, the closure process, housing options or other questions that may arise.

A new feature to this meeting will be a Provider Fair, where you will have an opportunity to meet with community providers and see pictures of homes and talk first-hand with the individuals who care for individuals similar to your loved ones at PDC.

The meeting will be held at PDC as noted below:

**Date:** Sunday, February 12, 2017  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Auditorium

A call-in line is being provided to accommodate individuals who cannot attend the meeting in person but would like the opportunity to hear the updates from Director Bargmann and able to

participate by asking questions to representatives and experts in the room. The phone line will be open as long as updates are given and questions are being addressed. The call-in line will end once the Provider Fair begins.

**Toll Free Conference Line: (888) 221-9518**

Please dial-in several minutes in advance of the call, in order to have time to talk with the operator and be connected to the meeting. You will need to ask for the "**PDC Family-RC-DDS**" meeting, or reference the Department of Developmental Services.

We look forward to continuing the discussion with PDC families to ensure you have the proper information and meet providers in the community before making informed choices about your loved ones' future as we move toward the closure of PDC GTA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theresa Billeci', written in a cursive style.

Theresa Billeci  
Executive Director