

**Department of Developmental Services
Public Forums on General Fund Savings Proposals**

In response to the State of California's significant budget crisis, the Department of Developmental Services will be hosting three public forums to receive input from consumers, family members, service providers and other stakeholders on draft proposals to achieve \$174 million in General Fund savings. In developing the proposals, the Department conducted an on-line survey and met with stakeholder workgroups in eight service areas: Behavioral Services; Day, Supported Employment and Work Activity Programs; Early Start Services; Health Care and Therapeutic Services; Independent and Supported Living Services; Residential Services; Respite and Other Family Support Services; and Transportation Services. From these discussions, the Department is drafting proposals that will be made available on the Department's website prior to the public forums (Department website: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/PublicForums/>).

The Department is hosting three public forums to receive additional input from consumers, family members, service providers and other stakeholders before the proposals are submitted to the Legislature on May 15, 2011. The proposals, also referred to in statute as best practices, will not become effective until adopted by the Legislature.

These public forums will be held as follows:

Date: May 5, 2011
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Location: Los Angeles
Ronald Reagan Building Auditorium
300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013

Date: May 6, 2011
Time: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: Sacramento
East End Complex Auditorium
1501 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento 95814

Date: May 9, 2011
Time: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: Oakland
Federal Building Auditorium
1301 Clay Street, Oakland 94612

The facilities are accessible for persons with disabilities. For those of you who cannot attend in person, an operated-assisted conference call line will be available during the meetings. We will provide those conference call numbers on our website prior to the meetings.

Your voice is important, and we hope you will be able to participate. Written input is also welcome and should be submitted by May 9, 2011, to Patti Samuel at the following address. For additional information, please contact her at (916) 651-1484.

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In consideration of attendees who are sensitive to environmental odors created by chemicals and perfumes, please restrict the use of fragrances at this meeting. If disability-related accommodations are required for your attendance, or you need materials in alternate formats, please contact Kathleen Ozeroff at (916) 654-1888 or kathleen.ozerooff@dds.ca.gov.