

DDS FIVE YEAR PLAN

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is in the process of developing a Five Year Plan for submission to the Public Health and Appropriations Committees in January 2012, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 17a-211. The plan *shall*: (1) *Set priorities*; (2) *identify goals and objectives and the strategies to be employed to achieve them*; (3) *define the criteria to be used in evaluating whether the department is making progress toward the achievement of such goals and objectives*; (4) *identify changes in priorities, goals, objectives and strategies from the prior plan*; (5) *describe and document progress made in achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the prior plan*; and (6) *estimate the type and quantity of staff and client services that will be needed over the life of the plan*.

DDS's Five Year Plan is a strategic statement of DDS's direction and an outline of priorities which will be used to guide the direction of the current and future service system.

Commissioner Macy has been soliciting input for the Five Year Plan from numerous DDS stakeholders throughout Connecticut by embarking on a Listening Tour. The Commissioner's goal through this process has been to hear different perspectives on 1) current systems, 2) how DDS can make the system more responsive to families and 3) how do we develop sustainable programs going forward. He has met with many self advocates, families, private providers public sector staff, and multiple advocacy groups. Comments and perspectives are welcome from anyone, at any time, up until early December 2011 at the contact information below. A draft plan based on the feedback received will be available for review in mid-October.

Commissioner Macy plans to do a webcast to present the draft plan and a written version will be available on the DDS website or by request to the contact information below. DDS has scheduled two opportunities for public comment on the draft plan:

Tuesday, November 1, 2011, 4-7pm, Room 2C at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue in Hartford

Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 4-6pm, 3rd Floor Training Room at the DDS James Street Office, 370 James Street in New Haven

Directions to both public hearing locations are on the next page.

Written comments on the draft plan may be emailed to ddsct.co@ct.gov with the subject line: "Five Year Plan" or mailed to:

Department of Developmental Services
Attn: Five Year Plan
460 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Comments must be received by the close of business December 2, 2011.

DDS South Region - New Haven
370 James Street
New Haven, CT 06513

The entrance to the DDS Offices is on the third floor. The training room is the first room to the left after entering the DDS South Region New Haven Satellite Office.

From the South:

- I-91 N toward HARTFORD.
- Take the STATE ST / US-5 exit- EXIT 5- toward FAIR HAVEN. 0.1 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto JAMES ST. 0.2 miles
- Turn right after 370 James St. The parking lot is behind the building.

From the North:

- Take I-91 South toward NEW HAVEN
- Take the WILLOW ST exit- EXIT 6- toward US-5 / BLATCHLEY AVE. 0.2 miles
- Turn LEFT onto WILLOW ST. 0.1 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto STATE ST / US-5. 0.1 miles
- Turn LEFT onto JAMES ST. 0.2 miles
- Turn right after 370 James St. The parking lot is behind the building.

Legislative Office Building – Hartford
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Traveling on I-84 East:

- Take Exit 48, Capitol Avenue, get into the right lane of the exit ramp.
- At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Capitol Avenue.
- Take the first right past the Legislative Office Building, proceed to the back of the garage and take a right to enter the garage using the left hand lane (employees) or the right hand lane (visitors).

Traveling on I-84 West:

- Take Exit 48, Asylum Street, at the end of the exit ramp turn right at the light onto Asylum Street.
- At the YWCA turn left onto Broad Street, proceed through two stop lights, immediately after the Armory building take the first left and then another left at the end of the short access road.
- Follow this road around the garage to the back and take a right to enter the garage using the left hand lane (employees) or the right hand lane (visitors).

Traveling on I-91 North or South:

- Take Exit 29A, Capitol Avenue, proceed through the Pulaski Circle at the end of the long exit road.
- Take a right on Elm Street and turn left at Trinity Street.
- Go past the Capitol building and the I-84 entrance ramp, all on your right.
- Take the first right past the Legislative Office Building, proceed to the back of the garage and take a right to enter the garage using the left hand lane (employees) or the right hand lane (visitors).

Parking - Limited public parking is available on the first floor of the parking garage. There is a connector to the Legislative Office Building at the roof level. On-street metered parking and commercial parking lots are also nearby.