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### Press Release

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### DDS Announces New Director of Autism

(Hartford, CT) - The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Commissioner Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. announces the appointment of Jennifer Bogin as the new Director of Autism for the agency.

"I am very pleased to announce that Ms. Bogin has been selected as our new Autism Director. She is not only a family member of a person on the autism spectrum but she has a significant background in the professional realm of providing services," said Commissioner Macy. "She brings to this job a good understanding of the national scene and a comprehensive perspective on evidence based practices. Ms. Bogin's selection was made through DDS's participant - driven stakeholder's review. I was pleased to have a highly qualified pool of candidates to choose from and am especially happy to have someone of Ms. Bogin's caliber to be our new Director."

The DDS Division of Autism was started in 2006 and currently serves individuals on the Autism Spectrum who do not have intellectual disability. Ms. Bogin is joining this division at a special time in history as a legislatively required Autism Feasibility Study is just being completed. A report with recommendations will be forwarded this fall to the Governor.

Ms. Bogin comes to DDS from the Association of University Centers on Disabilities in Silver Spring, Maryland. In her role as Program Manager she organized the "Act Early" autism summit project in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disorders.

Ms. Bogin is an adjunct faculty member at Antioch New England University where she is teaching graduate level instruction regarding the provision of integrated community-based services to consumers with behavioral or developmental disabilities.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Bogin was a Supervising Program Manager for the National Professional Developmental Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders at the University of California Davis M.I.N.D. Institute in Sacramento, California where she provided training and clinical supervision to state level providers.

Ms. Bogin received a Bachelors of Science degree in Behavioral Studies at Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York, a Masters of Science degree in Behavior Education from Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

For more information about the DDS Autism Division, please visit the DDS website at: [www.ct.gov/dds](http://www.ct.gov/dds)

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