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DDS Unveils New Autism Website *Redesigned Website - Resource for Autism*

(Hartford) - In recognition of Autism Awareness Day 2013, the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS) published the Division of Autism Spectrum Services new section on the DDS website. The new section which focuses on the recently released Connecticut Autism Feasibility Study is a resource for families, individuals and professional providers.

The Autism Feasibility Study was conducted over the past year by a workgroup of state agencies, providers, consumers and advocates. The charge of the group was to examine the feasibility of a statewide system of services for autism and a center for autism spectrum disorders.

DDS and the Division of Autism and a newly formed Implementation Committee will be responsible for implementing the recommendations. The study's outcome was based on a simple principle that all individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) should receive effective clinical and support services provided by qualified professionals.

"The recommendations of the study group give us a clear framework for action," said DDS Commissioner Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. "Governor Dannel P. Malloy's proposed budget provides the means to begin building a community based, family focused and person centered service delivery system for children and adults on the autism spectrum and their families."

For more information and a copy of the report, please visit the DDS Division of Autism Spectrum Services website at; www.ct.gov/dds.