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**DDS FIVE YEAR PLAN (2017-2022)
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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 2017, pursuant to Section 17a-211 of the Connecticut General Statutes. 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 the department's direction over the next five years and an outline of priorities which will be used to guide the current and future service system. DDS would like to hear from all stakeholders on the draft Five Year Plan, specifically regarding 1) current systems, 2) how DDS can make the system more responsive to individuals and their families and 3) how to develop sustainable programs going forward.

The draft plan is available on the DDS website at <http://www.ct.gov/dds/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=587846> or by request to DDS at the address below. All stakeholders' written comments or testimony are welcome throughout the public comment period, **which ends at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2016**.

Opportunity to Provide Written Comments:

Please be aware that all written comments and testimony will be posted on the DDS website. A transcript of the proceedings of the public hearings also will be posted on the DDS website.

Written comments or testimony 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**

Written comments or testimony must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2016.

Public Hearings:

DDS has scheduled two public hearings as opportunities for public comment on the draft Five Year Plan. The hearings will be held on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016** from **10:00 a.m. to noon** and **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 1A at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT**. Persons who wish to speak on the draft plan may sign-up for the morning hearing beginning at

9:30 a.m. outside Hearing Room 1A and for the afternoon public hearing beginning at 3:30 p.m. outside of Hearing Room 1A. Speakers will have three minutes each for their testimony. Written comments and testimony also may be submitted at the public hearings. **Directions to the Legislative Office Building are provided below.**

DIRECTIONS: 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 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 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 right hand lane (visitors).

Parking: Public parking is available on the first floor of the parking garage and also underneath by driving around to the back of the garage if the first floor is full. On-street metered parking and commercial parking lots are also nearby.