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## June STEP Provider Update

### STEP Resources

DDS continues to update the [Provider Gateway](#) with STEP resources to help you understand STEP opportunities. Visit today to find information including:

- **The STEP Transition Plan Templates:** Use these instructions and templates to write up and submit your STEP Transition Plan.
- **Transition Plan Examples:** Refer to this completed example plan to better understand how to complete your own.
- **Transition Plan Template Budget Examples:** Use these instructions and example to write up and understand the plan budget process.
- **STEP Provider FAQ:** Refer to this document for answers to frequently asked questions.
- **STEP Guide:** Read this document for details on STEP transitions, financial incentives, and other important information as you begin STEP planning.
- **STEP Innovation Document:** Consider this visual document highlighting the route to collaborating with DDS on developing and implementing innovative approaches to support delivery. Includes examples of innovation.
- **Information Session Recording:** Watch this recording if you missed the May 18 DDS STEP Provider Informational Session.
- **Educational Material:** Skim through this quick document for an overview of STEP and how DDS plans to support it.

### Plans and Technical Assistance

DDS is committing funds as plans are approved. As a reminder, once all funds are allocated, DDS may not be able to approve additional STEP Transition Plans. Providers are encouraged to start planning, connect with regional staff, and submit STEP Transition Plans soon!

When creating your plan, remember Technical Assistance (TA) is available. Consult the [TA Calendar](#) to see topics for weekly office hours. You may also request [1-on-1 TA support](#) for more specific, detailed, or intensive requests.



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## Upcoming STEP Trainings

DDS is offering trainings for Providers on planning for STEP. These trainings will be focused on executive and programmatic staff who are leading planning and are open to all agency staff. There will be three separate STEP provider training sessions that will focus on:

- **Session 1: [Strategic Planning and Innovative Approaches](#)**
  - **Wednesday, June 14, 11:00am-12:00pm**
  - Topics: Getting started with transformation efforts, collaborating with DDS on innovative approaches, and how STEP can help agencies advance their long-term planning efforts.
  - Suggested Attendees: All providers with emphasis on executive and program directors as well as other administrative staff developing plans.
- **Session 2: [Day Services](#)**
  - **Monday, June 26, 11:00am-12:00pm**
  - Topics: Overview of Day incentives, detailed instructions on completing the Transition Plan Template and Budget, resources available, and the regional review and approval process.
  - Suggested Attendees: Staff developing Day and Employment Transition Plans.
- **Session 3: [Residential Services](#)**
  - **Thursday, June 29, 11:00am-12:00pm**
  - Topics: Overview of Residential incentives, detailed instructions on completing the Transition Plan Template and Budget, resources available, and the regional review and approval process.
  - Suggested Attendees: Staff developing Residential Transition Plans.

These sessions will also be recorded and posted to the Provider Gateway.

We are excited to see the amount of interest being shown from providers across regions, as well as the progress so far! Please check out the resources including the trainings. We will continue to support providers to develop forward thinking plans to best meet the goals and needs of individuals who receive supports and their families.

If you have any questions, please contact [ddsstepsupport@deloitte.com](mailto:ddsstepsupport@deloitte.com).

