

## DDS Legislative Update – February 7, 2018

### New Session Begins February 7, 2018 and Ends May 9, 2018

The 2018 legislative session begins on February 7<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 9<sup>th</sup> at midnight. This year's session is called a "short" session which occurs in even numbered years. The main task of the General Assembly in a short session is to make adjustments to the two-year budget for the state passed in the previous year's long session. **The budget adjustments will be made to the fiscal year (FY) 2019 portion of the two year budget that covers state appropriations and revenues from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.** Besides adjusting the budget, House and Senate members will work to pass bills that are "raised" by legislative committees based on input from various constituencies and executive branch agencies like DDS.

All bills must have a public hearing before they can be voted on and move forward. **Public hearings are where Connecticut citizens have their voices heard on the range of issues that the legislature will be working on during this session.** For the Department of Developmental Services and the individuals and families that receive supports and services from DDS, the public hearings of the Appropriations Committee, the Public Health Committee and the Human Services Committee are very important.

### Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2019

On the 2018 session's opening day, February 7, 2018, Governor Malloy will address the General Assembly and detail his midterm budget adjustments for fiscal year 2019. Below is the link to the webpage for the **Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments** and links to the various sections of the budget adjustment document. The pages on which DDS information is available are shown next to the links. Also, below is a PDF link to the DDS budget summary from the budget adjustment document.

### [GOVERNOR'S MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2019](#)

#### [SECTION A: FINANCIAL SUMMARY](#)

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### [DDS MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY FY19](#)

#### [FY 2019 Recommended Budget Adjustments](#)

Complete Budget Adjustment Document (253 pages)

### Appropriations Committee Public Hearings and DDS Budget Presentation

Appropriations Committee staff has indicated to DDS that the department's budget presentation and the **Appropriations Committee's public hearing on Health Agencies**, which includes the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), tentatively will be held on **Friday, February 16, 2018**. As soon as the Appropriations Committee finalizes its public hearing schedule and makes information available on how to sign-up for the public hearings, we will send it to you.

## **Links to the General Assembly and Legislative Committees**

**[Connecticut General Assembly](#)**

**[Appropriations Committee](#)**

**[Public Health Committee](#)**

**[Human Services Committee](#)**

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