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SUBJECT: Open Model EVV Project for DDS providers

The state has approved the use of an Open Vendor EVV model for DDS qualified providers. This will allow DDS qualified providers the opportunity to use a third-party "Alternate" EVV system or continue to use the state's existing EVV system, Sandata Technologies, to capture visit data. The development of the DDS EVV open model technical specification guide to support alternate EVV systems is complete and is posted to the DDS website (CT DDS EVV Vendor Specification v1 1). DDS providers are advised to share the specification guide with their chosen alternate EVV vendors. All current DDS EVV qualified provider requirements are incorporated into the technical specifications.

A provider's Alternate EVV vendor must complete a system testing & certification process with Sandata Technologies as the Sandata aggregator will house all CT EVV data. This process will include 3 Town Hall Sessions offered to DDS qualified providers and alternate EVV vendors. It is essential providers share this information with their alternate EVV vendor who must have resources in attendance for the 3 town hall sessions. This will support a successful go live. Click the registration link below for the first Town Hall to get started:

- Town Hall #1 - Focus: : CT DDS - Alternate EVV Vendor & Provider Open Model Implementation
March 4th 12-1:30 pm
https://sandata.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_hv6XT12JQmSQNMQ815FYCA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Details on registration for Town Hall #2 & #3 are forthcoming:

- Town Hall #2 - Focus: Testing
Town Hall #3 - Focus: Go-Live

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The Town Hall Sessions are targeted towards DDS providers who have chosen their alternate EVV vendor. Informational meetings regarding the open model project or a review of your agency's transition to full mode EVV can be scheduled by emailing [DDS.EVV@ct.gov](mailto:DDS.EVV@ct.gov).