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To: DDS Qualified Providers

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Subject: Provider Outreach for Individuals Ages 8-18

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has established a Children's Services Program and is looking to identify which providers may have the capacity to support individuals ages 8-18. A link to a brief survey will be provided at the end of this memo.

Eligibility for the program requires that an individual is eligible for DDS services, and has one or more of the following hardships which cannot be met with parental or age-dependent support:

- The individual has significant medical needs beyond current nursing services, authorized through insurance.
- The individual has physical disabilities with an extraordinary need for support with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) beyond current home health aide services, authorized through insurance.
- The individual has challenging behavioral needs, not related to a mental health diagnosis or a mood disorder that results in the functional impairment of the individual.
- The individuals' behavioral limitations must interfere with their functioning in the family or community activities, pose a risk to the health and safety of themselves and others, and interfere with their ability to achieve goals and make progress.

The Children's Services Division at DDS reviews applications and determines eligibility into the program. In many instances children are found eligible due to behavioral needs. Common services used by individuals in the Children's Services Program are respite, individual home support and behavioral support. Service requests for out-of-home placement are not considered for this program.

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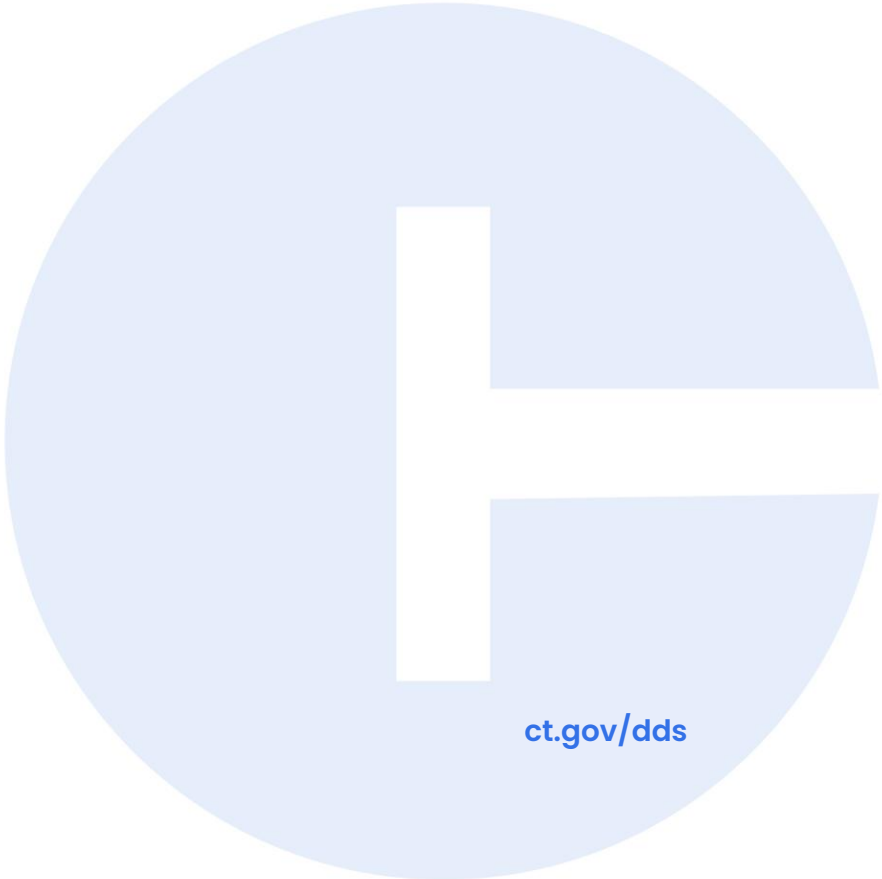
Please let us know if your program is available to support individuals ages 8-18 by completing a brief 5-minute survey regarding your agency's services and capacity. Responses are requested by **June 30th, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

Survey link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/Gw7tr1BvZZ.

Thank you for your time and partnership. Please reach out to Sylvia.Murray@ct.gov with any questions.