



State of Connecticut  
Department of Developmental Services



Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

Peter H. O'Meara  
Commissioner

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Deputy Commissioner

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Dear Department of Developmental Services (DDS) individuals and families, DDS Staff, Private Provider partners, DDS Council members, public agency colleagues and friends,

It has been an honor and a privilege to have known and worked with you over the past sixteen years. I greatly appreciate the support of the entire DDS community, as you have made an incredible difference in the lives of so many over the decades.

I officially retired from Connecticut state service on February 28, 2011. However, I will be continuing the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner until a successor is nominated and begins work.

In the coming weeks, I hope to have the opportunity to thank many of you in person. There are numerous challenges before us, but I know that the DDS community is well positioned to meet them head on. Our shared focus on the values and mission of the Department will sustain the best system of supports and services in the country.

I would personally like to thank Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman and Secretary Ben Barnes for their support of DDS as evidenced in the Governor's recommended budget for FY 2012 and FY 2013. It's a strong testament of their belief and confidence in the Department and the people we serve and support in the face of daunting fiscal challenges. I look forward to continuing to work with them during this transition.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for the pleasure and opportunity to have known many caring, committed and competent people and to have achieved so much in partnership with you for Connecticut citizens who have intellectual disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter H. O'Meara".

Peter H. O'Meara