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DDS Production Studio Releases First Informational Videos

(Hartford, CT) The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) announces the availability of informational videos produced at the new DDS Production Studio in Hartford, Connecticut. The first series of videos focuses on transitioning into adulthood for individuals with intellectual disability. The videos hope to educate DDS consumers and their families in a wide variety of topics including the Eligibility Process, Guardianship, Family Support, Planning for Adulthood and Employment?

In 2013, the Office of Communications received a grant from the Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) for video equipment to be used to produce videos that would help educate families, consumers, advocates, guardians, DDS Staff, providers and educators on DDS services and processes. Over the past year, the Office of Communications trained, tested and began producing videos.

"We are extremely proud to be in the leadership in using technology in the state to produce videos that will help our families and consumers to better understand what types of services and programs are available," said Commissioner Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. "Technology is an ever changing process and DDS is thrilled to be a leader in reaching out to our constituents and stakeholders using videos."

The smooth streaming videos are available on the front page of the DDS website by clicking on "Video Production" and are viewable on all types of smart phones, tablets and computers.

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