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To: All DDS Providers

From: Jackson Pierre-Louis,
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Subject: **Fire Safety Budget Training**

We have completed yet another year of the Department of Developmental Services Fire Prevention and Safety training initiative. The results continue to be very good and we would like to thank all providers for their cooperation in making this program a success.

As a reminder the closed captioning is available on the program by clicking the "cc" button located under the video of the presenter and our Spanish version is available both on the web and the CD version.

We would like to take a moment and provide you with some updates on this program

- For the most recent refresher training ***we would like you to utilize sections 1, 2/3 and 6.*** We would like to see you begin this change on October 1, 2017.
- DDS will no longer require that you utilize the exams provided. You do need to ensure the staff have absorbed and understand this material. While we encourage you to continue to use the exams on the DDS website with your staff, DDS QSI unit will not be requiring evidence of and will not result in a statement of citation..
- We are working diligently to covert the training program into a DVD format so that it may be viewed on a television and DVD player, but just on the computer via the internet or a CD. When we have more details on this we will get it out to you
- The training stove continues to be available. This is a great safe tool for realistic simulated fire extinguisher training. As we shared with you in the past, we have two of these props available, one through the Ct Fire Academy out of Windsor locks, and the second out of the Southbury Training School Fire Department. Contact Chief Timothy Baldwin at the Southbury Training School Fire Department about how you can obtain this great training tool.

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