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***Message from Commissioner Peter H. O'Meara***

**Budget Update**  
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I want to take a moment to communicate with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) community and acknowledge concerns related to Connecticut not yet having a budget passed for the new fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2009. I appreciate everyone's patience as we await final budget action. As you may know, DDS is in the process of having close to 400 employees retire. Refill rates have not been established, but DDS continues to work closely with the Office of Policy and Management and Governor M. Jodi Rell on contingency planning. Many in the workforce remaining after July 1<sup>st</sup> may be called upon to assist in carrying out the valuable work of our retirees and helping to cover key agency functions during this interim period of transition. The health and safety of those we provide services to will continue to be my highest priority as we look for ways to serve the most consumers possible with our appropriation for the next fiscal year. Again, we extend our gratitude to our retirees for all their years of service.

I understand the frustration of families who await final budget action before specific programs can be implemented for their loved ones. We will continue to do everything we can to get you the most current budget information available via this website. Please check back periodically for the most up-to-date information available to DDS. Again, thank you for your continued patience.