

THIRD BUDGET STAKEHOLDER MEETING NOTICE:

As you know, the State of California faces an unprecedented budget crisis. The Governor's Budget, issued on January 9, 2009, anticipates a significant funding reduction. Over the next few months, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), working with stakeholders, will develop proposals to achieve targeted savings while maintaining the entitlement and ensuring program and service integrity.

The third public forum will be held:

Monday, March 2, 2009

**Location: The Ronald Reagan State Office Building Auditorium
300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California**

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

Conference call option: (800)230-1074

Public parking is available adjacent to the building.

The purpose of the forum is to receive input from consumers, family members, service providers and other stakeholders on possible cost containment strategies, including but not limited to those identified in Controlling Regional Center Costs Report which is available on the department's web site at.

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/Publications/docs/ControllingRCCosts2007.pdf>

This facility is disability accessible. For those of you who cannot attend in person, an operated-assisted conference call line will be available for the duration of the meeting at (800) 230-1074.

In addition, Marty Omoto will be hosting a CDCAN town hall teleconference to give stakeholders another opportunity to provide input to the department.

Your voice is important, and we hope you will be able to participate. Written input is also welcome and should be submitted by March 6 to Sarah Steenhausen at sarah.steenhausen@dds.ca.gov. For additional information, please contact her at 916-654-1989.

In consideration of attendees who are sensitive to environmental odors created by chemicals and perfumes, please restrict the use of fragrances at this meeting. If disability-related accommodations are required for your attendance or you need materials in alternate formats, please contact Debbie Middleton at (916) 654-1902, or at deborah.middleton@dds.ca.gov no later than Thursday, February 26, 2009.

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