

Attend, or Call-in to the DDS Public Forum Closest to You!

Defend Your Services!

We need overflow crowds at each of these hearings to let lawmakers know what DDS's proposals mean to us!

<p><u>Thursday, May 5</u> 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. R. Reagan Building Auditorium 300 South Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90013</p> <p>DDS Public Forum Conference Call Number: (800) 288-8968</p>	<p><u>Friday, May 6</u> 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. East End Complex Auditorium 1501 Capitol Avenue Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p>DDS Public Forum Conference Call Number: (800) 288-8967</p>	<p><u>Monday, May 9</u> 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Federal Building Auditorium 1301 Clay Street Oakland, CA 94612</p> <p>DDS Public Forum Conference Call Number: (800) 288-8968</p>
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DDS's stakeholder process to find \$174 Million in General Fund Savings has resulted in proposals from DDS that could limit services you use. Please come or call-in to one of three public forums about these cuts and offer testimony about how the proposed budget cuts will affect you, your family and those around you.

Here are some ideas you can use for your testimony or letters:

- **We appreciate** the Department's efforts to keep cuts as far away from us as possible.
 - We're still reeling from year after year of cuts.
 - Even if our programs survive this year, we're concerned they'll be cut in the following years.
- **We need** the details – without the final language, we can't tell if what's proposed is going to hurt us.
 - We only got about a day to review the proposals. We really need more time for a thorough review.
 - The devil is in the details. Without specifics, we can't really tell what the effects will be.
- **We are watching** to make sure that the intent to keep cuts as far away from people as possible is actually what happens.
 - We will continue to watch and participate in the process to ensure that we have the services we need for ourselves (our loved ones).
 - California has a legal and moral obligation to provide services that will maintain my (my loved one's) opportunities to live and work in my (our) community.

Can't Attend a Hearing? Write a Letter or Call In!

Written input is also welcome and **must be submitted by May 9, 2011**. We encourage you to write a letter (it doesn't have to be long) that explains why DDS's proposals won't work for you and your family. Make sure you send a copy of your letter to your legislator too!

Send Letters & Comments to:

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