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## **We Need to Protect People with Developmental Disabilities**

**Direct services cannot absorb additional cuts. Reductions must come from less critical state departments or parts of the developmental services system that involve bureaucracy, overhead, redundant systems.**

- There was a permanent 10% cut in funding for employment services in October 2008.
- In the 2009-10 DDS Budget, community services suffered nearly a 10% funding cut (nearly \$500 million GF).
- The 3% cut on all services other than employment instituted in February 2009 was just extended through FY 2010-11.

**The Legislature needs detailed information about the existing cuts before determining where additional cuts can safely be made.**

- Seven months after the implementation of these cuts, the Department is unable to quantify the impact in each category.
- Various Regional Centers are implementing the cuts differently.

**We are concerned about the impact on people with developmental disabilities should some of the Governor's anticipated funding not materialize.**

- The Legislature has decided against a June ballot to transfer \$194 million from local First 5 Commissions to DDS for services for children age five and under.
- Obtaining \$200 million for DDS from various federal sources may be overly optimistic.

**The proposed closing of Lanterman Developmental Center can be planned to ensure savings of up to \$70 million per year.**

- The remaining 400 residents should be moved to the community as services are developed and ready to support them.
- The 300+ acres and buildings at Lanterman should be leased or sold to create a revenue stream to build or retrofit housing for the residents transferring to the community.
- Sufficient funds from the \$116 million annual operating budget of Lanterman should transfer with the residents to cover their needs for support in the community.

**We support the plan to seek additional federal dollars for our system.**

- More people can be put on the Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS).
- People need to be enrolled on the new 1915i Medicaid State Plan Amendment that DDS has secured.
- We applaud DDS' work to secure matching funds for services provided to people living in Intermediate Care Facilities.
- We support the effort to increase California's matching fund ratio for FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage), equal to the ratio of many other states.