

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: October 24, 2011  
To: Private DDS Providers  
From: The Family Empowerment Task Force  
Subject: Commissioner Terry Macy at the Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress

On Saturday, November 12, DDS Commissioner Terry Macy will speak to families about the future of DDS services in a special breakout session of the annual convention of the Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress at the Water's Edge Resort in Westbrook. Pam Fields, Executive Director at the Arc of Meriden Wallingford, will also address this topic from the perspective of a private agency. All families of individuals who are served by DDS are invited to attend.

This special session will be a great opportunity for families to voice their concerns directly to the Commissioner. How will residential programs, day programs and employment supports be provided in the future? How will services be affected by fiscal constraints?

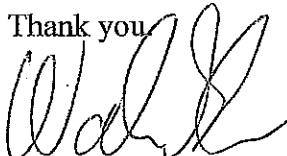
I have enclosed a number of registration packets for you to share at your discretion. People may register for the convention by mailing the enclosed form to the Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress or by using the on-line registration under the Convention tab at [www.ctdownsyndrome.org](http://www.ctdownsyndrome.org).

The registration fee is \$40 for CDSC members or \$80 for non-members – or an individual may purchase a \$35 CDSC membership with their registration and pay the member rate.

In addition to the breakout session with Terry Macy and Pam Fields, the convention includes continental breakfast, a sumptuous lunch, a keynote address by acclaimed author Dr. Brian Skotko and opportunities to meet and share with other families. The entire program is available on line at [www.ctdownsyndrome.org/images/stories/conventions/convention\\_2011.pdf](http://www.ctdownsyndrome.org/images/stories/conventions/convention_2011.pdf).

I hope that your families will join us!

Thank you



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