

**Connecticut Department of Developmental Services
Family/Individual Survey
May 2020**

Subject: FW: Reopening Employment & Day Services Family/Individual Survey

As the department begins to move towards the development of a careful and thoughtful plan to reopen day and employment services, DDS is looking to hear you and your family members. Your thoughts and feedback are a critical component to the optimal success and safety in reopening. Below is a link to a survey, please take a moment to complete this brief survey. We plan to use this information to assist DDS in identifying key concerns and issues and to gain individual and family perspective and vision regarding employment and day services when reopened. Your input and feedback will play a vital role as we move forward.

We have heard from many families and individuals the importance of reopening employment and day services. As we begin this planning your voice is critical as we all have learned much during this crisis. There are many factors to consider and of priority is to maintain the health and safety of you and your family member.

Thank you in advance your time and for participating in the survey by May 20, 2020

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Returning to Employment and Day Services - Individual or Family

The purpose of this survey is to gather your thoughts and opinions about potential plans to reopen Employment and Day Services at DDS. DDS will be reviewing all survey results and considering the feedback as part of the larger discussions toward reopening. Please note, completing this survey does not guarantee the preferences expressed will be provided. DDS must adhere to all state and federal mandates and base decisions on health and safety guidelines outlined by DPH and the CDC.

1. What type of program(s) were you (the individual you support) attending?
Please select all that apply.

- ISE- I go to work with staff support
- GSE – I work with a group of friends with staff support
- IDV- I go in the community with staff, learn new things and work on many goals
- ETS- I do community activities, programs and training to help me find a job
- DSO- I spend my day with friends doing activities, making crafts, and going out in the community
- IDN- Staff help to support me with things I already know how to do and to learn new skills while in the community
- SS- I spend my day with friends who are 65 years old and we do activities such as painting, go to the park and learn new recipes

2. If you (the individual you support) would go back to employment or day services, which choice do you like best?

- Back to how it used to be - Same hours and same days
- Less days but the same hours
- Less hours but the same days
- Less days and less hours
- Some days in person at the location and some days virtually
- Only virtual services

3. The CDC has listed the following criteria as additional risk factors for severe outcomes relating to COVID exposure:

Asthma
Auto Immune Disorders
Obese
Diabetes
Regular use of a Nebulizer
Regular use of Oxygen
Regular use of Respiratory Suction
Tube Fed
Regular use of an Artificial Ventilator
High Blood Pressure
Heart Condition
Cancer
Kidney Disease
Pregnant
Smokes

Do you (the individual you support) have ANY of the conditions listed?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

4. If Employment and Day services opened tomorrow, would you (the individual you support) attend? If other, please describe.

Yes

No

Other

5. What are the most important factors for returning to service?

Health screenings of participants

Health screening for staff

Deep cleaning

Personal Protective Equipment information

Staff levels

Other

6. Have you used a mask during the COVID crisis?

Yes

No

7. Have you worn plastic or latex gloves during the COVID crisis?

Yes

No

No

8. Can you (the individual you support) tolerate Personal Protective Equipment for the duration of time at Employment or Day services? If other, please describe

Yes

No

9. Would you (the individual you support) understand social distancing, mean staying 6 feet apart?

Yes

No

10. Have you (the individual you support) been in a social setting (a location out of your home with other people that you do not live with) and remained 6 feet apart?

Yes - independently

Yes - with reminders

No

11. If transportation is not available, would you (the individual you support) be able to attend Employment or Day services?

Yes

No

12. Would you (the individual you support) consider using uber, lyft, or taxi services to transport to Employment/ Day services? if other, please describe?

Yes

No

13. If staff needed to assist more than one individual at a time, would you (the individual you support) still consider attending Employment or Day services?

Yes

No

14. Would you consider having staff come to your home to provide employment and day services for a portion of the day?

Yes

No

15. Can you (the individual you support) tolerate being tested for COVID if necessary?

Yes

No

16. Have you had blood or lab work in the past year?

Yes

No

17. Have you had dental work in the past year?

Yes

No

18. What is the best way for a provider to give you important information?

Mail

Email

Phone

Text

19. Please share your thought and concerns about going back to employment and day services. Are there other things you would like to mention?

Enter your answer

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