

Informing Families



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Division Launches Family Support Pilot Program

The Division of Developmental Disabilities recently sent a letter about the new Family Support Pilot program. The letter was in a yellow envelope and includes timely information for families. We would encourage families that received the letter to open it right away, read it carefully and respond in a quick manner so that you may be considered for potential family support services.

The Family Support Pilot program will operate through June 30, 2007. Services for families who are eligible may include respite care, training and consultation, assistive technology, transition to employment services and assistance with extraordinary household expenses.

To be eligible, the client must be:

- an eligible client of DDD,
- on the current Family Support waiting list,
- a family whose son or daughter with disabilities lives at home,
- not be eligible to receive any other paid services through DDD,
- and have a gross household income at or less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. (You must be willing to disclose your household income to qualify.)

The letter sent to your home will have more information about qualifications and an application for you to complete. If you feel you should have received the letter but did not, please contact your case manager or your Regional office. Some families may have moved without notifying the Division of an address change.

The Division will begin reviewing applications as soon as November 1st and throughout the remainder of 2005. Completed applications should be sent as quickly as possible. In January 2006, the Division will begin contacting those families that responded.