

## SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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Dear Family Members, Guardians and Conservators:

As part of the process to develop a closure plan for SDC, and per requirements in the Lanterman Act, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) will be conducting a public hearing. The hearing is an opportunity for the Department representatives to listen only and for members of the public, including parents and families, to comment, provide ideas and concerns that will be summarized in the closure plan. This is not a question and answer type of hearing. Please note that additional meetings and opportunities to talk with the Department will be provided per the needs and requests of the families.

An agenda for the hearing is enclosed with this letter. You are encouraged to attend any or all of the hearing and you may leave at any point.

***This hearing will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Sonoma Valley High School, in the Pavilion. If you cannot attend in person, a phone line is being provided. To make sure everyone who wants to talk has the opportunity to speak, each person's comments will be limited to five minutes.***

As a point of interest, the provided phone line will be of increased quality from the one provided at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and all callers should be able to participate. You can choose to speak at the public hearing, or you can submit written comments. The time allotted for comments is from 10:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This important meeting is a key step in helping the Department hear and understand everyone's ideas and concerns and for developing a thoughtful and successful closure plan. We all look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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