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CMS is moving away from defining home and community-based settings by “what they are not,” and toward defining them by the nature and quality of individuals’ experiences. The home and community-based setting provisions in this final rule establish a more outcome-oriented definition of home and community-based settings, rather than one based solely on a setting’s location, geography, or physical characteristics. The changes related to clarification of home and community-based settings as well as the use of **Person Centered Planning** will maximize the opportunities for participants in HCBS programs to have access to the benefits of community living and to receive services in the most integrated setting and will effectuate the law’s intention for Medicaid HCBS to provide alternatives to services provided in institutions.

Plan: DDS has developed a planning process with Community Provider representatives and stakeholder involvement that is published on the DDS website.

<http://www.ct.gov/dds/cwp/view.asp?a=2042&q=548534>

Purpose of Survey: To assess the current state of settings to assist the Workgroup in developing an HCBS Settings Transition Plan to meet the expectations of the Settings Rule. Data will be summarized and compared to NCI data for specific questions that have been cross-walked by NASDDS. DDS will be completing surveys for publically operated programs, and a survey for individuals and families will be distributed over the next month. Providers may request their raw data once the survey has closed.

When does this need to be completed?: Surveys must be completed by **9/5/14**.

Which settings are we assessing?:

For Day Supports we are assessing group day settings (DSO, GSE, and Prevocational). For Residential supports we are assessing CLA, CRS and CCH settings. You will see more detailed instructions regarding survey completion when you click the survey links below. Only complete the survey for the above settings.

Use the links below to access the surveys:

Day Settings <http://www.surveymethods.com/EndUser.aspx?98BCD0C990DAC9C39D>

Residential Settings <http://www.surveymethods.com/EndUser.aspx?C0E48891C8829191C6>

Please address questions relating to specific components of support settings to your Trades Organizations. If you are not represented by a Trades Organization you may contact [Siobhan.Morgan@ct.gov](mailto:Siobhan.Morgan@ct.gov) or [Joshua.Scalora@ct.gov](mailto:Joshua.Scalora@ct.gov). Please report any problems with the survey to us immediately.

Thank you for your efforts in assisting the HCBS Settings Rule Transition Plan Workgroup to develop our Plan.

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