

DDS EMPLOYEE NEWS

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Department of Developmental Services Celebrates its New Name



On October 1, Department of Developmental Services (DDS) employees and consumers celebrated the agency's recent name change. At DDS offices throughout the state, celebrations were held unveiling the new name.

In Hartford, DDS Commissioner Peter H. O'Meara and Deputy Commissioner Kathryn du Pree hosted an afternoon event for the over 100 staff at the DDS's Central Office.

*Hartford's Central Office staff
Celebrate name change*

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*Deputy Commissioner
Kathryn du Pree and
Commissioner O'Meara*

"Our consumers, families, private providers and staff should be commended for their efforts over the past several years in advocating for a new name," said Commissioner O'Meara. "As we look forward to a future of new opportunities for the individuals and families we support, we should reflect on the tremendous success that the department and our incredible staff have accomplished over the decades."

In addition to Hartford, celebrations were held in East Hartford, Wallingford, Stratford, Southbury, and Torrington.

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DDS Employees and Self Advocate Coordinators Celebrate Name Change

Celebrations From Around the State

North Region

East Hartford

North Region Self Advocate Coordinators;
(left to right)
Varian Salters, Chavis Chappell and
Carlos Colon



South Region

Wallingford

South Region Self Advocate Coordinators;
(left to right)
Carol Grabbe, Joyce Rivers, Genna Lewis and
South Regional Director Mary McKay



West Region



Ella Grasso Center, Stratford

(left to right): Beth Aura Miller, Self
Determination Director; Self Advocate Coordinators
Jossie Torres, Ivan Villa and Marie Bennett, Assistant
Regional Director-Individual and Family Support



Southbury Training School, Southbury

(left to right) Fritz Gorst, Director
Southbury Training School,
West Region Self Advocate
Coordinators Josie Torres
and Ivan Villa



Torrington Regional Center, Torrington

Pictured; (left to right) West Region Self Advocate Coordinators Jamie Louchen,
Jossie Torres and Ivan Villa