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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

## *Developmental Disabilities Administration*

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Dear Stakeholders,

I am sure you have heard of a potential shut-down of state government because Washington State lawmakers have not yet agreed on a budget for the two-year period that begins on July 1st. All state agencies are now, once again, going through the planning process of a partial state government shutdown. This has happened in previous years and thankfully we did not have a government shutdown. We believe this time will be no different.

We remain confident the Legislature can reach final agreement on the budget before the start of the new biennium. Agencies have been working with the Office of Financial Management to identify which services have the necessary authority to continue operating, despite the lack of an operating and/or capital budget. Other services would have to be suspended.

As the June 30 deadline nears, we expect significant media attention on the possibility of a partial state government shutdown. That attention will soon be magnified as agencies begin informing their customers and clients about these contingency planning efforts. We truly regret the uncertainty this creates for you and your families, and the people and communities we serve.

The Office of Financial Management has created a [website](http://ofm.wa.gov/contingency/) where it will post agency contingency plans and all related memos on notifications.

Sincerely,



Evelyn Perez, Assistant Secretary
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