DDS Rate Study Survey Due August 3rd

What it is?

This is a voluntary survey released by DDS to help gather information on provider costs and the sustainability of current reimbursement rates. ABX2-1 requires the Department to complete a "Rate Study", at which time the department likely to recommend changes (<u>and possibility rate increases</u>) to existing provider reimbursement rates.

The survey will be presented as a series of Excel worksheets. One main worksheet completed by all providers to gather basic information. Other worksheets will be completed based on service codes. The survey will require that you organize financial and program information that you already have. **Your information will not be made public.** It will only be reported in combination with other provider data. Provider advocacy groups are encouraging providers who have this information to complete the survey. Watch this informational video for a brief overview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cp6q4vuq4wY&feature=em-share video user

Who is asking for the survey information?

Department of Developmental Services through a contracted company, Burns & Associates.

When is it due?

The Scheduled Due Date for the Survey is Friday, August 3rd, 2018

What you need to complete the survey?

- Microsoft Excel (version 2010 or newer)
- Latest fiscal year information
- Staff wages and benefits
- Administrative and program costs
- Some service specific facts (staffing ratios, location information, etc.)

Where do I find the survey?

Download the survey and instructions by typing the following link: http://www.burnshealthpolicy.com/DDSVendorRates

How can I learn more?

ACRC and the ACRC Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) will be holding our third informational meeting on Thursday, July 26th. To register please follow this link <u>Class Register</u>

Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, July 26th, 9am-11am (ACRC Brenda Smith Conference Room)

This can be an open work session. Providers are welcome to bring laptops and their most-recently completed financials to the meeting to work on their own surveys. Wifi will be available, copies of the instructions, and in person guidance