



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Employment Services Program Provider Alert – CIES

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Competitive Integrated Employment Services (CIES) Suspension

The following information should be communicated immediately to all service locations and appropriate staff members within your organization.

CIES Service Suspension

The Department previously notified providers that it was suspending the operation of the CIES program effective June 30, 2011 and that it is unable to execute FY 2012 contracts for CIES at this time.

Provider Procedure: Your ESP Contract Manager will be contacting you to discuss plans for the CIES program suspension.

CIES FY'12 Planning

Pending enactment of the FY'12 state budget, the Department will be evaluating options for the Employment Services Program (ESP) within the program's likely overall funding and language constraints.

If funding is available for CIES, it will be substantially less than was available in FY'11. Available funding and provider program performance are among the factors that will be considered in developing final contracts. Many providers will **not** receive a contract for FY 12. For those providers offered contracts, the contract funding may be significantly reduced from last year. We will notify providers as soon as possible about any contract offers.

Provider and Client Impact

This has been an extremely difficult decision for the Department. The CIES program has reflected an important shift toward more client-centered service delivery. We are proud of the achievements made serving clients who possess substantial barriers to economic self-sufficiency.

We recognize that your organization will face difficult decisions which must be made quickly with respect to the continuance of services for clients currently enrolled and the maintenance of existing staffing levels. We regret the impact of the CIES program suspension on your organization and our shared clients.