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**To:** All Stakeholders

**From:** Joanne Svenningsen, Communications and Process Analyst

**Date:** April 8, 2015

**Subject:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF  
Volunteer Advocate, Family, and Client/Self-advocate sponsorship for the June 2015 National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services Conference in Denver

**Purpose:**

To inform all stakeholders about sponsorship opportunities available for volunteer advocates, family members, and Client/Self-advocates to attend the conference of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS), "New Pathways," to be held in Denver in June 2015. Sponsorship extends to the conference registration fees, and reimbursement for travel and lodging for individuals outside the Denver Metro area.

**Background:**

The NASDDDS is a professional organization representing the nation's agencies in 50 states and the District of Columbia that provide services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The NASDDDS meets annually, inviting experts, policy specialists, and NASDDDS members to share on topics of interest to the broader community. This conference presents "New Pathways" underway at the systems level as well as the service level as State I/DD systems are continually forging "New Pathways" to support people with I/DD and their families. The June conference is being held in Denver, June 10-12, 2015, although sessions for Volunteer Advocate, Family, and Client/Self-advocates commence June 11, 2015. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is sponsoring a total of 20 family members, professionally unaffiliated community advocates, and self-advocates to attend the conference.

**Procedure or Information:**

Interested advocates should complete the attached submission form and return it to Sarah McDonnell by 6PM on Friday, April 24, 2015. Participants will be selected by lottery



and all individuals selected will be announced via communication brief. Sponsorship is available for eight metro area participants and 12 non-Metro area participants. Individuals in the following metro-area counties will be reimbursed for the registration fees, parking, and transportation: Denver County, Arapahoe County, Jefferson County, Adams County, Douglas County, Broomfield County, and Boulder County.

Reimbursement for registration fees, reasonable costs for lodging, parking, transportation, and meals for non Metro-area participants will be provided. Please complete the attached application form so the Department can complete the selection process.

**Attachment:** Conference flyer; Conference Application Form

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