

September 23, 2009



TO: Futures Explored, ALIVE, GARDEN, and VTE Participants, Families and Care Providers

FROM: Will Sanford, Executive Director

RE: Revised Holiday Schedule and Closure Days for all Futures Explored, ALIVE, GARDEN, and VTE Day Programs

To all,

As a part of the State of California's Budget Crisis and Solution for this Fiscal Year, the Legislature approved and the Governor signed two budget bills that had a significant impact on the services and supports provided to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. This letter is to inform you of the changes made by Legislative direction to establish a 10 Day Uniform Holiday schedule and 4 additional days of program closures to help solve the State's fiscal crisis. We normally take 12 holidays a year, so the legislation simply added two additional closure dates, but not the ones that we had necessarily published at the end of last year. So, the following are the days that our Day Programs at our Lafayette site, ALIVE Concord and ALIVE East, GARDEN Tri-Valley, GARDEN Brentwood and GARDEN Antioch, as well as the Day Program components at VTE:

November 11th, Veteran's Day (no change)
November 26th, Thanksgiving Day (no change)
November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving Day (no change)
December 24th, Christmas Eve (no change)
December 25th, Christmas Day (no change)
December 28th, Monday after Christmas Holiday (new closure day for Futures)
January 1st, New Year's Day (no change)
January 18th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no change)
February 15th, President's Day (no change)
March 31st, Cesar Chavez Day (new holiday for Futures)
April 5th, Monday after Easter (New closure Day for Futures)
May 31st, Memorial Day (no change)

We hope that this will not cause a huge disruption to your family's holidays this year. We are planning to be open on December 29th, 30th and 31st, so if your plans involve an extended vacation at this time, please let your program site know as soon as possible, so we may staff appropriately. If you are in one of our employment services, please check with your staff to figure out our work schedule around the holidays. We are hopeful this will be the last change for this year, but the Legislation allows the Director of the Department of Developmental Services with 60 days notice the option to modify the posted holidays.

Thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Sanford', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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