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To: Residential State Supplement (RSS) Stakeholders

From: Ellie Jazi, LISW-S  
Housing Policy & Resource Administrator

Re: RSS Legislative Review

As requested by OhioMHAS, Ohio's most recent budget bill includes a time-limited collaborative look at the rules and statutes governing the Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program, while also examining the policies regarding allowable fees for operators of Adult Care Facilities (ACF's). Specifically, the Budget language states: "The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall, with the input of stakeholders and impacted state agencies, conduct a review of the state and federal rules and statutes governing the Residential State Supplement Program and report on potential improvements to be made in governing the program **not later than January 1, 2014** [emphasis added]." Due to your expertise and knowledge of RSS and/or ACF's, you are invited to become a member of the RSS Legislative Review Workgroup.

Due to the limited timeframe, members will be invited to participate in five goal-oriented sessions. All RSS Legislative Review Workgroup meetings will be held at the Rhodes State Office Tower (Room #3688) and the schedule is as follows:

<i>Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>1:00 – 4:00</i>	<i>· Background &amp; Workgroup Scope</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>1:00 – 3:00</i>	<i>· Identify RSS Program Challenges &amp; Allowable Fees for ACF Operators</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>1:00 – 3:00</i>	<i>· Frame Issues for Community Forums</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>1:00 – 3:00</i>	<i>· Discuss Community Forum Feedback</i>
<i>Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>1:00 – 3:00</i>	<i>· Review Draft Recommendations</i>

Due to the intensive nature of the workgroup, please make arrangements for another representative from your organization to participate if you are unable to attend. This is an opportunity to have direct impact on rules and policies regarding housing for individuals with limited services and supports. Please RSVP by Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> via email at [kueiting.betts@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:kueiting.betts@mha.ohio.gov). Thank you.