



**FY 2019 RFP #1 – Private/Public Danbury Day Program  
Questions & Answers**

**Day Program Questions**

1. In developing the budget how are we to estimate expenses related the operations and maintenance of the properties? Such as rent, related expenses, etc.? The individual's LON funding will need to cover the costs of operations. If the awarded provider opts to continue to operate the Greenery Café and Bottle Works program the landlord is responsible for maintenance and repairs. In the Danbury Public Day Program, the provider would need to have a plan to transition to their own space (owned or leased) with timeframes. DDS will work with the new provider on this.
2. Are we able to assume the lease for the properties? The Greenery and Bottleworks are on a month to month lease, there would need to be discussion with the landlord regarding an agency's desire to maintain this leased property. The Danbury Public Day property would have a transition period, but would need to move to another location in Danbury area. DDS will work with the new provider on this, the plan would require timeframes.
3. How many and what types of vehicles are assigned to each program?  
DDS Danbury Public Day Program – Two six passenger trucks; two seven passenger mini vans; one 12 passenger van.  
Also transportation to and from Danbury Regional Center varies:  
3 individuals transported by sweetheart bus (one individual from family home; two individuals from support apartments) am/pm  
2 individuals transported from family homes by day program staff am/pm  
6 individuals transported by group homes am/pm  
Green Chimneys – Lawn crew one 12 passenger van and 1 Crew Cab 4X4 Pickup truck are assigned to that program. The Greenery Café has no vehicles assigned. No vehicles are assigned to Bottleworks
4. Is the lawn maintenance equipment included in the transfer? N/A to DDS Danbury Public Day Program.  
  
Green Chimneys – Yes the lawn equipment can go to the next provider. (Greenery Café equipment belongs to State of CT and Green Chimneys. Green Chimneys will leave our equipment for the next provider.) No special equipment needed in Bottleworks.
5. What specifically is covered under the 1x transition, assessment, and training funding? The awarded agency can use this funding to assess the viability of the programs, develop future program plans and training of staff. The new provider will need to assess the community integration component for the Bottleworks and The Greenery Café. DDS wants to encourage greater community integration
6. How many individuals have already exercised their rights to portability? Eleven individuals have chosen to use portability.
7. What are the schedules and staff ratios?  
DDS Danbury Public Day Program: Staff – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Program hours are 8:30 to 2:30. Ratios vary on LON and seating available on vehicles. Mobile Work Crew 1: 2 to 4; Mobile Work Crew 2: 2 to 3; Mobile Work 3: 2 to 4; Dustbusters: 1 to 3  
Green Chimneys: The Day Programs run on a 7:30am-3:30pm for the Job Coaches. Staff ratio is 1:5.

8. Are there personnel that we would pay that perform non-human services duties such as restaurant manager or lawn maintenance manager? Currently, no, this is not to say in the future this could change depending on your business plan and if the businesses grow.

9. Will the current business contract remain in place? Such as the lawn customers and the Greenery Café?

DDS Danbury Public Day – The new agency will need to assess the viability of the current contracts.

Green Chimneys – The business contracts for the taverns that we process bottles for can remain in place. The taverns do not know the current provider is leaving. The 15 or so Lawn Customers contracts could remain in place. Lawn customers know the current provider is leaving. The Greenery Café customers know the current provider is leaving.

10. Do customers know that the provider is leaving these businesses?

Danbury Public Day Program – Cleaning accounts have not yet been notified but will now that process has officially begun.

Green Chimneys – All of the individuals are aware at this point.

11. How many individuals are in each service category? DDS Danbury Public Day Program – GSE and DSO? 7 individuals GSE; 4 individuals DSO (number for individuals included in RFP).

Green Chimneys – The Green Chimneys Individuals receiving Day Services are all in one GSE. At this time there are 17 individuals in the GSE. 12 individuals are 5 days a week, 5 individuals are less than that.

12. What is the capacity for each program? DDS Danbury Public Day Program – This would depend on the day program properties selected and staffing options based on new business and program growth. Green Chimneys – Lawn Crew capacity 5 individuals. Greenery Café capacity 8 individuals. Bottleworks capacity 8 individuals. The number can be reviewed once new provider is secured and if program remains in same site.

13. Are the businesses owned by others and we provide individuals and job coaches? No

Or is the provider agency expected to assume ownership of the businesses and therefore expected to provide payroll, etc.? Agency is expected to, if programs remain in place.

14. Does the Greenery need to remain on Main Street in Danbury or could the business be moved to an alternate location? The Greenery Cafe could move to an alternate location, the new location should be community based.

15. Can a copy of the business budgets be provided? DDS Danbury Public Day Program – State budget is not completed per program site. Unable to provide program specific budget.



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16. Is it assumed that the provider would take over the entire main street day program, or only a portion? If only a portion which part and why? Entire program both Green Chimneys and Danbury Public Day needs to be assumed by the new provider.

17. Would any staff be transferring to the new provider? Staff can apply for positions if they want to work for your agency, they would need to meet your employment conditions.

If so, would it be assumed their rate of pay would remain the same, etc.? If employees who are currently employed at either Green Chimneys or State of Connecticut are hired at your agency the rate of pay is based on

your employment standards, there is no requirement to keep their current rate of pay or benefits the same as with current employer.

18. Would the day program remain in the Main Street location or would it be assumed that the provider would provide the services in an alternate location? See answer to question # 14.
19. Are there additional funds to support the business and transition, beyond the one-time dollars mentioned? The region would review request or additional funding. The lease, restaurant staff, management, the vehicles that are mentioned in the proposal, etc.? The funding for this program will be funded through the individuals LON's.
20. Can you clarify the 40 individuals? How many are in the day program? How many at the Greenery? Etc.? Danbury public day 12 individuals and Green Chimneys 21 individuals, please note this number can continue to change based on the portability.
21. The RFP mentions a dog biscuit business; at our tour it was made mention this was not included? Can you clarify? The individuals who are doing the Dog Biscuit Program are opting to do portability back to STS. If the new agency opts to do a dog biscuit program this can be done.
22. If the new provider takes over the Bottle Redemption business, will DDS stay involved in the capacity in which they are involved today? i.e., picking up the bottles from the restaurant, delivering them to the new Provider, allowing the new provider to use the vehicles to do this, etc.? No.  
Or is it assumed that the new provider will take this over? Yes If so, is there funding for these supplies? The agency awarded the program will be responsible for these costs. The Bottleworks Program will need to be thoroughly assessed to determine fiscal viability and the community integration component of this program. If not viable, the region will look for new provider to provide or develop alternative options for individuals.
23. The RFP states that the new contract should begin on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Later on in the RFP it states that there will be an 18 to 36 month transition period. The programs need to be taken over by December 28, 2018; Green Chimneys and Danbury Public Day will assist in the transition. If additional time is necessary this will need to be negotiated with DDS. The 18-36 months is the timeframe for full program implementation to occur; individuals will need to be properly matched in programs and employment opportunities within this timeframe. DDS will meet with awarded provider to work out the details of this transition.  
Can you explain when the new provider would need to begin services for the 40 individuals? The target date is December 28, 2018, DDS will negotiate if necessary.
24. Under section (g) inquiry, it mentions a Letter of Intent, but there is no other mention of a LOI. Is one needed? No, a Letter of intent is not needed.
25. Will we have a chance to review all individuals IP's and LONs and behavior plans before a commitment is made? IPs and LONs are available through the agency contact upon request.
26. Are guardians/families involved? Yes.  
Can we also communicate with them about what their vision of the program is? As part of the RFP process there will be family member/guardian representation on the panel, the vision of the program should be articulated at this forum. Once the contract is awarded family/guardian information on the new agency's vision can be shared with all stakeholders.

27. The RFP states that people in the Day Program are being paid as general workers through the state of CT? Individuals who are General Workers are paid through the State of Connecticut, this can continue if they complete work for the State of Connecticut. The individuals who will remain in the Danbury Public Day Program are not doing work for the State of Connecticut.  
Can you explain? What are they being paid for? Minimum wage or above, or subminimum wage? Minimum wage is being paid for the subcontract work the cleaning crew is doing. Subminimum wage is for the individuals that are not independent in their work for many reasons and have been time studied at a rate below what they are currently earning.
28. The RFP mentions a cleaning crew? Where? How many locations? Days, hours, etc?  
The cleaning crew is called “Dustbusters” it operates out of the Danbury Regional Center as their home base and is included in the RFP. They earn minimum wage—hours are 8:30 (approx. arrival to DRC) to approx. 2:50pm – Contracts with various business were sent in prior email. Individuals are currently paid as General Workers, this will not be an option with a private provider. The payment received for jobs will need to be used as payment for work completed by individuals. New provider will need to determine viability of contracts.
29. Does the new provider need to take all of the programs or can they choose the programs we wish to take over?  
Yes, the new provider needs to take over all of the programs.
30. Sounds as if the lawn crew is no longer functioning. Is it? The lawn crew has been slowing down and stopped serving customers in the past few days. The Lawn Crew still does work for Green Chimneys two CLA's in Danbury. The Lawn Crew Job Coach and the 2.4 worker clients are currently working in the Bottle Redemption where a Job Coach recently left. This is adequate staff. Most of our lawn customers would be interested in working with a new provider.
31. Subminimum wages – The individuals who currently are at some of those sites are paid subminimum wages. Would it be assumed that the new provider would take these individuals onto their 14c contract, or begin to pay the individuals minimum wage? Theoretically providers should not be increasing their numbers on their 14c contracts. Can this be explained?  
DDS Danbury Public Day Program – We can continue to pay sub minimum wage however if “rehired” they may have to follow the new Department Of Labor standards.  
Green Chimneys - Subminimum Wages – A new provider would take on these individuals on their 14c certificate or apply for a new one to replace Green Chimneys.
32. Is there an opportunity for the new agency to hire the restaurant, lawn crew, and bottle redemption staff? If so, what are their roles, salaries, and tenders? Yes, there is an opportunity to hire the staff at Green Chimneys to work for the new agency.  
Both Cafe and Bottle programs have two job coaches. One Lead Job Coach and one Job Coach  
Cafe Lead Job Coach picks daily specials, orders food and supplies, interacts with families and other providers, makes daily bank deposits.  
Bottles Lead Job Coach paces the program, oversees eating precautions, interacts with taverns, delivery crews, families and other providers.  
Cafe Lead makes about \$21 hourly. Cafe Job Coach makes about \$18 hourly.  
Bottles Lead Job Coach makes about \$18 hourly. Job Coach makes about the same (longevity).
33. Is DDS closing the Danbury Regional Center? No

34. Is there an opportunity to lease the current classrooms? No, but DDS will work with the new provider on the option to use the current space until an alternate location can be found, this would be part of the 18-36 month transition plan. If there is an opportunity to lease, what would the lease cost be? There is not an option to rent this space at this time.
35. How many individuals are served in the restaurant? What are each individual's hours of employment? Seven Individuals work in the Café. Five work five days a week, two individuals work less than that. Generally the Individuals work 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.
36. What are the hours of operation for the restaurant? The Café is open Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1:30p.m.
37. How many customers is the restaurant able to serve? The Café can seat 30 people.
38. How many individuals are served in the bottle redemption center? What are each individual's hours of employment? Eight individuals work in the Indoor Bottle Program; seven full-time, one less than full-time. The individuals work about 8:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
39. What are the hours of operation for the bottle redemption center? Staff are there 7:30am-3:30 pm Monday to Friday.
40. What does the courier/delivery service entail and how many individuals do this?  
DDS Danbury Public day Program – Not included in RFP as these individuals are returning to STS and keeping current services to DDS offices as such. This crew however does pick up the food at Costco and Green Chimneys as a volunteer opportunity for the Greenery Restaurant.  
Green Chimneys – There is no courier service. One Individual in the Café has his own car. He makes local deliveries for the Café. He is paid Minimum Wage and is reimbursed 55.5 cents per mile he drives.
41. How many staff work in the restaurant? What are each staff's hours? There are two staff in the Café. Their hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
42. How many staff work in the bottle redemption center? What are each staff's hours? There are two staff in the Bottleworks. Their hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
43. How much revenue does the restaurant make per month? On average \$2,500 per month
44. What is the revenue for the restaurant over the last three years? 2015/2017 (\$28,523), 2016/2017 (\$30,941), 2017/8018 (\$29,684).
45. What is the estimated running cost over one year for the restaurant, bottle redemption center, and lawn crew? The restaurant \$249,111; bottle redemption center \$179,099; and lawn crew \$96,468.
46. How much revenue does the bottle redemption center make per month? On average over the last 3 years \$986 to \$1,486
47. What is the revenue for the bottle redemption center over the last three years? 2015/2016 \$17,836; 2016/2017 \$18,604; 2017/2018 \$11,842. Just fees, contract revenue is separate

48. How are the individuals paid in the restaurant and bottle redemption center? The Individuals in the GSE are on Green Chimneys payroll. They are paid twice a monthly.
49. How many vehicles are being used for the program? What types of vehicle are used? State vehicles are used as described in prior list of questions to transport bottles from business to Bottle works. Two to six passenger truck, and another crew in a van (for safety and LOS) that helps to load and unload.
50. How does the bottle redemption center pick-up the bottles from the local establishments? Do they use their own vehicles or are bottles dropped off at the bottle redemption center? Are they delivered and is there a charge for this service?  
DDS Danbury Public Day Program – State staff and vehicles currently pick up bottles at restaurants to bring to Bottleworks (Individuals on these vehicle are paid by state). Once at Bottleworks and sorted by Green Chimney individuals, they are put into garage at that site until beer companies pick up the sorted bottles.  
Green Chimneys – The empty bottles are picked up at the taverns by DDS Danbury staff in DDS owned vehicles. The DDS staff and their Individuals bring the cases of bottles into the redemption center. They do not charge for this service.
51. How are the bottles taken to the recycling facility? Does the bottle redemption center take them? Are they picked up and is there a charge for this service?  
DDS Danbury Public Day Program – It is not a “recycling facility” per say as they are sorted there only and then picked up by beer companies to go to their facility or wherever they take. Amount of bottles vary that go through this process. Each business has a different amount each pick up day. Anywhere from 8 cases to 60 cases, etc.  
Green Chimneys – The bottles that are ready for pickup are stored in a garage at the redemption center. The beer distributors pick up the bottles at the garage. There is no charge for that service.
52. Is the pay minimum wage or sub-minimum wage?  
DDS Danbury Public day Program – The pay is a combination of pay rates.  
Green Chimneys – In the GSE 2 Individuals make minimum wage, the rest make sub-minimum.
53. Does the bottle redemption center have contracts with local businesses? If so, how many businesses? What is the distance from the bottle redemption center to these businesses? Can we have a copy of these contracts?  
Green Chimneys – We have simple contracts with the taverns. Most of the taverns are no more than 5-10 miles from the redemption center. We currently have 10 taverns we work with. We can send a copy of a blank contract.
54. How much is the lease for the restaurant and bottle redemption center? The lease for the Café/Bottles building is \$2,200 monthly. Includes the garage. Currently month to month.
55. Is the owner willing to rent to a new agency who would take over the existing program? The landlord would probably be open to a new agency leasing the space.
56. How do the individual’s get to work?  
DDS Regional Center – Sweethart bus, Grouphomes, State staff are modes of transportation for us. I believe Green Chimneys is same except to add by family member and minus State Staff  
Green Chimneys – The Individuals get to work by bus services, families and providers. Green Chimneys does not transport anyone to work.
57. How is the lawn crew set-up? See answer below.
58. How many individuals are in the lawn crew? See answer below.

59. How many people staff the lawn crew? See answer below.
60. Is there equipment and any vehicles for the lawn crew? See answer below.
61. Is this equipment part of the RFP? Did the individuals purchase any of the equipment? See answer below.
62. How are the individuals paid on the lawn crew? Minimum wage or subminimum wage? See answer below.
63. What are the individual's hours on the lawn crew? See answer below.
64. What does the lawn crew do during inclement weather or in the winter? See answer below.

Question 57-64 – The Lawn Crew has one Job Coach and 2.5 Individuals working. They use one 12 passenger van. They have about 14 residential customers in the Brewster/New Fairfield area. The crew has two professional walk-behind mowers as well as typical lawn care equipment. Green Chimneys will gift the equipment to the new provider, except for the van. The individuals make subminimum wage. The crew runs 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In bad weather and the winter the Lawn Crew shovels snow at our two CLA's, does errands for the other programs and they assist the Bottle Program.

65. Can we have access to the most recent FY operating budgets with revenues and expenses for each of the programs outlined in the RFP (small restaurant, bottle redemption program, courier/delivery service, cleaning crew, lawn crew, and dog biscuit making program)? Danbury Public Day Program – Reference Question #15. Green Chimneys – See attached spreadsheet.



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66. Has the current provider at the Greenery Café developed a business/marketing plan to increase revenue at the café due to their reported deficit? No; however the incoming agency will need to explore and assess and determine strategies to increase revenue. Consideration should be given to cost of menu items, price assessment of restaurant supplies, advertisement and marketing plan, wages, hours and days of operations, collaboration with other agencies, community and stakeholders.
67. How flexible will DDS be in working with the new provider? DDS will be flexible and will meet with provider to ensure collaboration and support as the new agency moves forward in this transition.
68. Do we have to keep the current constellation of programs or are we permitted to propose new or different services within the GSE and DSO program types? The awarded agency will have an opportunity to assess current programs and make determinations on new or different services for the individuals. This should be done in conjunction with DDS and teams.
69. Does the current space for the programs come with the programs or do we need to find space? If the space comes with the programs, what is the rent? Is the kitchen equipment staying at The Greenery? Cross reference response to question 2.
70. Is a copy of the current operating budgets with line item revenues and expenses for each of the day programs outlined in the RFP available for review? Cross reference question #66.

71. Are these programs fully staffed? Is there a possibility of current staff being hired by the incoming agency? Cross reference Question #7, question #17 and question #32.
72. Several pages of the RFP refer to CLA qualifications, such as page 21 (paragraphs 1-4), pages 23, 24, 42 (3 years administering residential community supports), 43 (licensing reports). Should this refer to day programs? The RFP was revised and CLA language was removed. An amended RFP was placed on the State portal as an addendum.
73. On page 25, the RFP references that the work plan, methods, and timetable must be submitted in the format below. The step, method, and timetable shown here are for illustrative purposes. Please clarify, as there is no format provided.

There is no specific form; the format listed below should be followed.

### **Work Plan**

- a. *Work Plan.* Develop a work plan from the date of award through the first year of operating the day program describing what steps (activities, actions, tasks) your organization will take to implement DDS's requirements for these services within the proposed service area as itemized in item 5 of the Proposal Overview.
- b. *Methods.* Describe how your organization will accomplish each step of the work plan, providing a detailed explanation of the procedures or processes that will be used to attain the expected outcomes.
- c. *Timetable.* Include a proposed timetable indicating when each step of your organization's proposed work plan will be accomplished. Identify any significant milestones or deadlines.

### **Cost Proposal**

#### **Financial Profile**

**Financial Condition:** Provide a description of the financial condition of the company. This should include a history of the proposer's experience in managing and operating within budget and managing consumer's individual finances. Describe what credit lines with the associated financial institution, are available to the proposer to meet its financial needs.

#### **Budget and Budget Narrative**

**Individuals will be funded at their LON funding levels.**

74. Are there specific consumer satisfaction surveys that bidding agencies are required to use? NO
75. Is the maximum funding of \$885,949 for the entire contract period or per year? This funding is available per year based on individuals' LON rates and number of individuals attending program. Cross reference question #20. This amount will change if individuals opt to do portability out of this program. There is funding available in the amount of \$72,817 for transition based on actual expenses.

If it is for the entire contract period, what are the projected start and end dates (mm/dd/yyyy)? The project start date is December 28, 2018 to June 20, 2020 however, DDS will negotiate if necessary. Cross reference question #23.

76. How many individuals are being supported in each of the different programs? Cross reference question #20.



77. What is the planned training process for the incoming provider? There will be a brief transition; the details of this transition will need to be negotiated with the outgoing provider and the incoming provider with DDS assistance.
78. How many DSO consumers are there? Cross reference question #11.
79. How many GSE consumers are there? Cross reference question #11.
80. How many consumers plan on using portability? Eleven individuals have chosen portability. This amount may change. In addition, there is an opportunity to attend these day program options.
81. Can we have copies of current staffing patterns, consumer ratios, and programs schedules for each program? Cross reference question #7.
82. Are there any one-time funds available for physical plant improvements or upgrades (i.e. painting, etc.)? The Greenery Café and the Bottleworks are leased properties. This would be a discussion between the landlord and the new agency. DDS would not be able to fund upgrades on a leased property. The Danbury Public day property can be utilized on a short term basis by new provider with the long term goal being the new agency securing their own property.
83. How many current staff, if any, are interested in on-boarding with the new provider? Cross reference question #17. There is a possibility of staff from Green Chimneys that may want to stay with the new provider.
84. For individuals currently serviced by DDS Public Day Program, what is the time line for private providers to take over services completely? Cross reference question #23. DDS can negotiate with Danbury Public Day on transition dates.  
Will staff be on-boarded with new provider? Danbury Public Day staff have options to maintain current employment with the State of CT DDS, however the new provider can explore this option directly with staff.
85. Is the bottle redemption center considered a sheltered workshop? Presently yes; however it is DDS expectation for the new provider to assess and make further determination on how to fully integrate this program into the community. How long would DDS allow for this gainful employment of individuals to last? DDS will work with the new provider on a plan and timeframes to address this situation.
- 85 For the new provider, does the equipment in the café simply transfer ownership to the new provider or is there a cost associated with the transfer. If there is a cost, what is the cost? Yes; there is no cost associated with this transfer.
86. Does DDS plan to make available the classroom space located at 400 Main Street for Day programs? If so, what would the annual lease cost be? The Danbury Public Day property can be used on a short-term basis. DDS will negotiate with the new provider on timeframes with the long term plan being the agency will secure a new location. DDS would look to possibly do a transitional management agreement with no annual lease cost during this transition period.
87. How long is the current lease for the Café and bottle redemption space? What is the annual cost of the leased spaced? Month to month; it is our understanding the landlord would be interested in having a discussion with the new provider. The monthly cost is \$2,200.
88. It appears there are generally 20 individuals located in the café, bottle redemption and lawn service programs. Will there be an additional 20 Consumers that come from the public Day program, located at 400 Main Street, Danbury? Due to the RFP there are 11 individuals that are interested in doing portability. What is the staffing ratio for both programs? Cross reference question #7.

What is the number of consumers by LON Score?

Fifteen with LON of 5

Twelve with LON of 6

Eight with LON of 4

Four with LON of 3

One with LON of 1

This number includes all individuals currently with Green Chimneys and Danbury Public Day including those who are planning to do portability as they have not left the program at this point. These numbers are fluid.

89. What are the transportation needs of the existing Consumers? Cross reference question #3.

90. On Page 3 of the RFP it states: “some of the individuals in the public day program are being paid as general workers through the State of Connecticut.” What specially does this mean? Cross reference question #27 and question #28.

Is there an expectation moving forward that these individuals will remain employed in their current position? No, there is not an expectation that they will continue to be employed in their current position. The team can review to determine if they can seek other employment opportunities or the appropriate program type such as GSE or DSO.

91. Is there an expectation that the new agency will be required to hire current staff? No. Cross reference question 17.

92. Are there any staff on progressive discipline with the existing provider? Unknown; this information cannot be disclosed due to confidentiality.

93. Are there any contracted staff, i.e. independent contractor providing services for the existing provider? No.

94. What are the hours of operation? Cross reference question #36 and question #39. Hours of this program can be evaluated and changed based on new provider assessment of the program.

95. Is second shift or weekend staff required? (Not sure if these programs/services are during the day, Mon.-Fri.) Cross reference Question #36 and Question #39. Presently there is no second shift and weekend staff is not required.

96. In the DSO program what are the program participants’ current LON scores and are there any complex medical or behavioral needs that require additional supports?

Two with LON of 6

Two with LON of 5

Everyone is currently at their LON rate funding. There are no URR awards. We are not aware of any complex medical or behavioral needs. In the event there is a change, the provider can work with the team to present to URR.

**Proposal Questions**

The proposal states “the new vender will need to assume this program once awarded, a transition plan will need to be developed with the region and current providers. The proposal shall define a long term plan with an 18-36 month timeframe for full implementation”.

97. Is it the expectation that a new agency comes in December 28th or will there be a transition from the current providers to the new program? DDS will expect that the new provider begin the process of transition on December. DDS will work with Green Chimneys and the new provider to extend the timeframe. Danbury Public Day there is more latitude on the timeframe. DDS WR will work with the incoming provider to work out the details for this transition.
98. Is the agency developing an 18-36 month transition plan? The provider awarded this contract will work with DDS collaborative on a transition plan. Will the current providers still staff during this timeframe? DDS will work with Green Chimneys to maintain staff on board until the transition can occur.
99. Can the transition plan be less than 18 months? Yes, the purpose of the transition plan is to ensure there is a long term plan and vision for these programs to be community based and meeting waiver requirements.