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Dear SLS and CES Participants and Families:

The Arc of Jefferson County and the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center will be hosting meetings to discuss upcoming changes in the SLS/CES Medicaid waivers. The meetings will be held Wednesday, June 10th at 3:30 p.m. in the Twin Lakes Conference Rooms on the 2nd floor and Monday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Summit Room on the 1st floor. Meetings are in the DDRC Building located at 11177 W. 8th Avenue in Lakewood.

Both organizations have received many questions and have collaborated to forward the most up-to-date information that has been made available to us by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and the Colorado Division for Developmental Disabilities. The material we have received to date is complex and has significant implications for the people we serve and their families. For example, our analysis indicates that the majority of families could potentially receive plan reductions. Further, the funding and the role of Supported Living Consultants has been eliminated so it is more important than ever our families keep current with developing matters.

With the upcoming changes, we have requested staff training, provider manuals and family workshops presented by state officials. We are hopeful these will be available by the implementation date of July 1, 2009. Regardless, we will do our best to explain and work with you concerning these significant adjustments.

Sincerely,

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