

January 10, 2009 Email to DDS Developmental Center EDs

I have received a number of inquiries regarding the DC chaplain's attendance at the annual training event hosted by the Association of Chaplains in State Service. Apparently this training program had been delayed due to the uncertainty of the state budget situation and is now scheduled for January 27-29, 2009. As has been shared with me the costs of the training have been kept at a minimum. The training will be held in Sutter Creek and apparently hotel room rates are \$47-50 per night with registration at \$125. Additionally arrangements have been made to provide a free shuttle service from the airport in Sacramento to Sutter Creek.

I have also been informed that this is an annual event that DCD has supported in the past but the final determination historically has been up to each of you as to whether you can support these costs. I will again support the position that it is an important conference to consider and if at all possible would support DCs allowing a staff to participate. If you have any concerns or questions about this please let me know.

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