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Dear Families,

As you know, New Hampshire, and the country, are facing unprecedented economic challenges. The state budget for the Department of Health and Human Services has recently been cut by \$25 million with more cuts possible in the early part of 2009. These cuts will have an impact on Area Agencies and other Human Services budgets.

I believe we need to work together at the local level to develop responses that will have the least impact on our services. We know that we, the agency, do not have all the answers, but collectively we have a better opportunity to minimize the effects of these challenges and create collaborative solutions.

Therefore, Community Partners will host a Developmental Services Stakeholders' Forum on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Crosby Road office. In the event of winter weather, the Forum will be held on January 7, 2009 (listen for announcements on WOKQ). A statewide meeting will take place in mid-January as a follow-up session to the local meetings.

We encourage your participation in this Forum, which will feature breakout sessions by program. Your input is critical and we need you to help us develop long-term solutions for our most vulnerable citizens.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Brian Collins  
Executive Director