

Dear Parents and Associates of the Northern Virginia Training Center,

Last summer, I announced a one-year delay of the closure of Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) until March 2016 and that the property at the training center had been declared surplus. These two actions together allowed additional time as well as a funding mechanism to develop a more comprehensive array of community options to support successful transitions of NVTC residents to new community homes.

I have received notice that the Department of General Services, through Divaris Real Estate LTD, will offer the property for sale starting on Friday, May 22, 2015. Proceeds from the sale of the property will be put into the Behavioral Health and Development Services Trust Fund and will be used to enhance services for individuals in our system.

In addition, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) will not vacate the entire property until all training center residents have been transitioned to other settings that meet their medical and behavioral needs and preferences, including to another training center.

We look forward to working with individuals currently living at NVTC and their families, NVTC staff, members of the General Assembly, community services boards, community providers and other stakeholders as residents and individuals complete the selection process and move into community homes that maximize opportunities for choice and integrated community living which provide for safety.

Sincerely,
Debra Ferguson
Debra Ferguson, Ph.D.
Commissioner
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