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→ NCARF April Training

The April Leadership Forum will be held at the Blockade Runner in Wrightsville Beach, NC, **April 29-May 1, 2009**. Conference registration forms are now available on the [NCARF website](#).

There will be several networking opportunities available for attendees, including a Golf Tournament where the western region attendees will be facing off against the rest of the state. Download a [registration form](#) today! NCARF will also be hosting a dinner boat cruise which is included in your conference registration fee. There will be appetizers, beverages of your choice, and a chance to network with other attendees!

Please make your hotel arrangements at the Blockade Runner. All rooms in the NCARF room block are harborview at \$129 per night plus tax. Oceanview rooms are available at \$149. Please call **1-800-541-1161** to make reservations and reference NCARF to receive this discounted rate. Room block ends **April 15, 2009**.

See you in Wrightsville Beach!

→ Governor Perdue Announces 2009-2010 Budget Proposals

Raleigh - Gov. Bev Perdue today announced her 2009-2010 proposed budget. Despite facing the most challenging budget situation in decades, her budget increases per-pupil spending, invests in job creation and protects public safety through probation, mental health and anti-gang initiatives.

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→ MH/DD/SAS 2nd Quarter Performance Contract Report

Division of MH/DD/SAS Performance Contract quarterly report documents are available:

Cover memo from the Division Director

SFY09 2nd Quarter Performance Contract Report

SFY09 2nd Quarter Performance Contract Report Matrix

These reports may be found on the Division of MH/DD/SAS website at:
<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/performanceagreement/index.htm>

→ [Action Alert] Governor's Budget

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Governor's Budget Saves Community Services
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Action Needed

Governor's Budget Saves Community Services

Governor Perdue made good on her commitments to individuals and families who rely on the DD service system in NC. Despite the worst budget conditions seen in a half a century, she avoided any cuts to the community DD system in her recommended budget released on Tuesday.

If the legislature were to adopt her 2009-10 budget recommendations, community MHDDSA services funded by state funds would receive no reductions. Additionally the funding for Tier 1 CAP slots that has been frozen this year would be released. Funding for the START crisis model would be intact for a full year and other community services that were funded on a partial year will receive annualized funding.

Though there are no increases for DD services, the release of the CAP slots should allow for the movement of individuals from the waiting list!

In reviewing other sections of the budget, including education, we have found no cuts that we believe will have a significant negative impact on people with developmental disabilities.

The budget process is now in the hands of the Senate who will begin trying to create its plan in the coming weeks. We will send you an action plan for

the Senate next week.

For now we would ask members to

1. Send an e-mail to the Governor's office thanking Governor Perdue for her commitment to people with developmental disabilities at

<http://www.governor.state.nc.us/eTownhall/suggestionBox.aspx>

And

2. Send a letter to the editor of your local newspaper commending this plan and encouraging the legislature to make the same commitment.

For more information on the budget you can go to the Governor's web site at <http://www.governor.state.nc.us/>

If you have questions please feel free to call our office and thank you again for your advocacy!

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News to Share?

Please send any news you wish to include in the weekly updates to Michelle Eggleston at meggleston@firstpointresources.com.

Sincerely,

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