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APD to hold Rule Workshops

TALLAHASSEE — The Agency for Person with Disabilities (APD) wants the public to offer comments during four rule workshops being held around the state. The agency is developing new rules for the criteria to determine eligibility for APD services under Sections 393.065 and 393.063, Florida Statutes. Members of the public are encouraged to provide suggestions for the development of the rules at the workshops. You may also submit written comments to the agency until June 30.

Citizen input is welcome during these meetings. The schedule is as follows:

Jacksonville

May 28, 3 – 6 p.m.
Pablo Creek Branch Public Library
13295 Beach Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32224
ADA Coordinator - Gayle Bowman 904-992-2440

South Florida

June 3, 10 a.m. to Noon Lucanus Developmental Center 6411 Taft Street Hollywood, Florida 33024 ADA Coordinator - Bonnie Florom 954-713-1275

Orlando

June 7, 1 – 5 p.m.
Hurston Building South Tower
400 West Robinson Street, S430
Conference Rooms A & B
Orlando, Florida 32801

ADA Contact: Carol Solomon (407) 245-0440

Tallahassee

June 30, 2:30 – 5 p.m. Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida 32399

ADA Contact: Terri McGarrity, 850-414-7452

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If you are unable to attend a workshop, you have until **June 30** to submit comments. You may send them to: **Terri McGarrity**, APD Community Relations, 4030 Esplanade Way, Suite 380, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

The agency annually serves about 35,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities of mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Prader-Willi syndrome. For more information on the agency, call 1-866-APD-CARES or visit www.APDCares.org.

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