

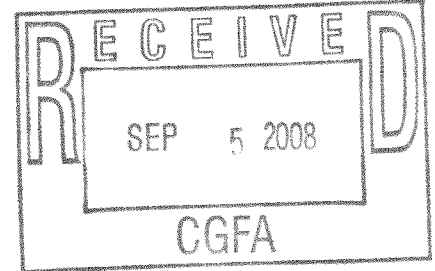


Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor

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September 5, 2008



Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg, Co-Chair
Representative Richard Myers, Co-Chair
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: Notice of Closure Proposal for Howe Developmental Center
Tinley Park, Illinois

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS), and pursuant to Section 3(13) of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability Act (CGFA), 25 ILCS 155/3(13), and the State Facilities Closure Act, 30 ILCS 608/5-1 *et seq.*, I am writing to advise you of the proposed closure of Howe Developmental Center (Howe). The proposed closure, which will be undertaken by DHS' Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), will include the transition of residents at Howe to community-based provider agencies and to other State-Operated Developmental Centers in Illinois. The other State-operated centers include:

Ludeman Developmental Center; Park Forest, Illinois
Shapiro Developmental Center; Kankakee, Illinois
Murray Developmental Center; Centralia, Illinois
Jacksonville Developmental Center; Jacksonville, Illinois
Fox Developmental Center; Dwight, Illinois
Kiley Developmental Center; Waukegan, Illinois,
Choate Developmental Center; Anna, Illinois
Mabley Developmental Center, Dixon, Illinois

These transitions are necessary in order to close operations at Howe Developmental Center. The needs of individuals with developmental disabilities will remain a priority throughout this process. Decisions on transitions will occur with the input and understanding of the preferences of people living at Howe, their parents or guardians and family members. Each person's Interdisciplinary Support Team will work to develop appropriate transition plans.

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The Division is committed to ensuring employees are afforded their full rights under the collective bargaining agreement. We will work to support employees of Howe Developmental Center throughout this process. The exact disposition of the employees at Howe is unknown at this time, as those details will be negotiated as part of the required closure agreement with the union.

The proposed closure and associated transitions, which will effect the timely disposition of the existing Tinley Park campus, are in the best interest of the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol L. Adams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Carol L. Adams, Ph.D.
Secretary