



Dear DHS Stakeholders:

Happy New Year.

As state and local government agencies, business leaders, faith-based groups and community organizations, you all are essential partners in raising program awareness and providing services to about one in seven New Jersey residents.

Our collaborations, whether formal or informal, make up this state's safety net. It's a significant role, especially during these tough economic times. The potential for 2012 lies in our ability to continue the creative outreach we achieved in 2011.

DHS has pursued innovative approaches to connecting eligible populations to our services. Recently, we've updated our website's [publications page](#) with fact sheets and flyers about a host of services: for parents, for working families, for seniors, for individuals with disabilities. We will continue to update this page with new information. Feel free to download the documents and share, as appropriate, with your constituencies.

In addition, DHS has a [Facebook page](#), which is kept current with relevant news articles and posts that track local and national reports on a variety of social service issues. This site is enhanced by our [YouTube channel](#), on which we're posting videos of our priority issues: children's health insurance, community placement for people with developmental disabilities or mental health disorders. Information about addiction issues, services for the blind and visually impaired, programs for the deaf and hard of hearing and assistance for low and moderate income families also will be available.

I hope you will follow us as we advance our work in 2012. Wishing each of you a happy, productive New Year.

Regards,

*Jennifer Velez*

Commissioner