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State Employees Need to Be Aware of Cyber Thieves

IT Security Training Must be completed by April 30, 2013

The State of Connecticut's Bureau of Enterprise Systems Technology (BEST) continues to see an increase in the number of state e-mail accounts being compromised and breached related to phishing e-mails and other cyber-security threats. Due to these security threats, Governor Dannel P. Malloy released the IT Security Awareness Campaign for all employees who have access to state computer systems. The campaign requires each employee to complete a web-based training on IT security no later than April 30, 2013.

At this time, all Department of Developmental Services (DDS) employees have received an email with instructions from Director of Staff Development, John Tierney on how to complete the security training. It is expected that all DDS email users will complete this training by April 30th or your access to the state computer systems could be affected along with the possibility of other consequences.

As a state employee, it is important to know the significance of compromised accounts. Once an unauthorized person has access to your state email account, they potentially will have access to confidential and/or protected information and affect the state's reputation and general ability to send emails from ct.gov to people who the state really needs to receive them.



The Security Awareness training has extremely good advice on how to protect your computer at work and your computer at home. If your account is compromised, cyber thieves can also try to hack into your personal computers. Most users are able to complete the training in two hours or less, and you can break up the training and complete it over several sessions. You can find instructions on how to access the course here: http://www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/ed-supp/sans_it_security_training_instructions.pdf. Please review the instructions carefully prior to beginning the training, to ensure that you receive credit for completing it.

IMPORTANT: In order to receive credit you must complete all of the modules and correctly answer all of the questions. You must click the [Continue] button after reviewing your answers before moving on to the next module, in order to submit your answers and receive credit. If the check-box next to a module name is not green, you have not successfully completed that module.

Do not launch the training by clicking a link if you are using the Citrix Web Client. Sound is disabled in Citrix – you must launch Internet Explorer from your local Windows desktop in order to have sound.

If you have any difficulty accessing the course, please contact DDS.Training@ct.gov for support.

It Takes a Village



This is the first year that individuals from the North Region's Family Division are being invited to attend the annual Starlight Ball held each Spring. What started as an event for individuals who live in public group homes, has grown to include many that live in private settings throughout the region. The organizing committee, keeping in mind the department's MISSION expanded this year's event to include the Family Division. It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get together with their peers in a safe and meaningful way.

This year's event is on April 12th at Maneeley's Banquet Facility in South Windsor. After dinner is served, dancing takes center stage until 10 p.m.

North Region employees held various fundraising efforts to assist in defraying some of the Starlight Ball costs. In February, staff members at the East Hartford Office donated soup and bread that were sold in the "Breakers" for \$5 a bowl. Spirit Committee members got together one afternoon and made spiral hearts

that were hung around the office to raise morale by thanking employees for all the work they do. They were then sold for Valentine's Day along with red wire heart bracelets, and candy roses. There is a new popcorn machine cranking in the "Breakers" and they donated all the proceeds of popcorn for the month of February to the Starlight Ball as well.



On Wednesday, March 13th, staff members donated food and time to benefit the Starlight Ball by providing a Latino Cultural Lunch for \$5 a plate at the East Hartford Office. On Friday March 15th, donated Irish Soda Bread and muffins were sold for \$1 a slice while Irish music played in the "Breakers." In addition, the culinary program of Cheney Tech High School donated eight speciality breads for the event. To round out

March, the Spirit Committee also sold Munson Chocolates for the Spring Holidays.

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