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Dear **Blank**,

This notice is being provided to you because you are a guardian for an individual who lives in a State operated group home on the Arizona Training Program, ATPC, campus in Coolidge, Arizona. On July 11, 2015, a meeting was held between AHCCCS, Division staff, and guardians about the new federal rules for Home and Community Based Services, HCBS, settings. As discussed in the meeting, the new rules do not allow group homes on or adjacent to the grounds of an institution that have the effect of isolating residents from the community. Subsequent to the meeting on July 11, 2015, and apart from the HCBS Rules, the Department has determined that the ATPC campus is no longer sustainable due to the costs of maintaining the facilities, the difficulty in recruiting staff, and the declining census.

Therefore, the decision has been made to close the ATPC campus. The closure will occur in two phases. During the first phase, the group homes on the ATPC campus are projected to close within two to three years. The remainder of the ATPC campus will be closed in approximately five years.

The Division will meet with each individual along with their family and guardians to discuss new living arrangements. If you have questions before or after your individual meeting, you may call the Division's Family and Consumer Resources Unit at.

602 542 0419

866 229 5553 toll free

I want you to know that this was a difficult decision for the Department to make. We are committed to working individually with each of you to ensure the best alternative placement and a successful transition.

Sincerely,

Laura Love, Ph.D.

Assistant Director

Division of Developmental Disabilities

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