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Agency: DEPARTMENT ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES DARS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Regarding combining DARS/DBS---My son is in DBS although he has multiple disabilities. He is very hard of hearing (profound loss) and visually impaired. His IQ is under 70 and he is on the Autism Spectrum. He is in DBS, and DBS counselors don't seem equipped to handle his other disabilities, or know how to work with him

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Very disappointed in contacts I have had with DARS/DBS on behalf of my son. I feel like getting him a job is my responsibility, and both jobs he has had are ones I found for him. Most often my phone calls to DARS/DBS aren't even returned. When he was under 25 we had a great case manager (Elizabeth Soto) but since then he has merely floundered with no assistance. Although he has shown he can work, they don't seem interested in helping him find an appropriate job within a reasonable distance from his home.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree