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Agency: DEPARTMENT FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DFPS

First Name: Angela

Last Name: Gooch

Title: Concerned Mother

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Winchester

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I support the recommendations. The case workers need much more training, especially on what abuse is and what their job description entails.

My daughter's story: My three year old child was the victim of an incident that occurred at her Lutheran Daycare just this April 2014. My child was restrained by the director of the daycare in what I consider not to be an emergency situation. Intentionally putting a three year old child's body between your legs, crossing their arms over their chest, and gripping down on their upper arms is NOT acceptable. I am a nurse at one of the Texas State schools and to do that type of restraining requires extensive training.

Death can occur from such a restraint! The state finds that unacceptable so why does the State regulated CPS find it OK? Running around the room is what a three year old does! My child was left with hand print bruises on both of her upper arms instantaneously. As far as proof of child abuse goes, I took photos of the bruising and the daycare director admitted to me she inflicted the bruises on my child.

The CPS worker showed up a few days later after I reported the incident, to do her interviews. She was very short with me and only spent a total of thirty minutes talking to me to find out what happened. She appeared to be in a hurry. She witnessed how terrified and timid my daughter was. I received the letter that confirmed my CPS workers findings a month after her visit. The letter infuriated me. It expressed that there was not enough evidence to confirm child abuse and that the facility would be cited for prohibited child punishment. This CPS worker completely disregarded what had happened to my child. I feel this was assault. I feel like the CPS worker didn't do her job by any means to protect my child. This daycare director is still in her position working with children. Shouldn't have CPS removed her from working with other children. Are the other children safe at the daycare? What is it going to take for someone to recognize the mistreatment of children in that daycare facility? Is a child going to have to suffer a broken bone or get killed before CPS actually does something to this daycare

director? My child is now psychologically suffering because of what this daycare director did to her, and I have no one to turn to. CPS failed my child, the district attorney failed my child by not doing anything to protect my child. Programs like CPS are supposed to stand for something, or at least I thought they did.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Compliance reviews and mandatory continuing education should be enforced.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree