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

First of all, SSLC's are NOT institutions. They are truly campuses. Second, the cost comparisons of SSLC's to group/residential homes are flawed. The SSLC's include just about everything in their cost figures. Other homes show staff, housing and food expenditures and virtually nothing else. They are also not required to meet DOJ requirements, like SSLC's. Because of this, they REPORT a lower ANE rate AND don't have to include this incremental cost.

Having had a child at a group home, I became aware that MANY THINGS go undocumented.

Also sending aggressive individuals into group homes and then having them come to the SSLC for therapy is ludicrous. The SSLC's are there for a reason.

To help those that need more help! They are not infringing upon their rights.

They are protecting those that need it. Plus they are giving them opportunities to grow. My daughter is so much happier at the DSSLC. She feels safe.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

After reading all these "suggestions", it seems to me we are wasting money on creating more bureaucracy with additional committees instead of using the SSLC resources we have.

In addition, there are money making abilities that haven't been explored. We own land in Denton that could be used as a park for the public (for instance) that can charge entrance fees, just like Hickory Creek does with its parks. There are so many things that can be done to help our most needy section of the population, but we need to quit having tunnel vision and trying to close our SSLC's. They're truly a treasure.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree