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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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

CLOSURE OF AT LEAST 6 STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTERS. FOCUS ON EXPANDING THE USE OF PRIVATE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SERVICES.

- INCREASE FUNDING TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO SUPPORT CLIENTS WITH COMPLEX BEHAVIORAL AND MEDICAL CARE NEEDS.
- STRENGTHEN BASIC SAFETY & SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR DAY HABILITATION FACILITIES.
- REPEAL "RIGHT TO CORRECT" LAWS AND AUTHORIZE HIGHER PENALTIES FOR HOME HEALTH & ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, ELIMINATING LIMITS ON PENALTIES PER INSPECTION FOR ICF ORGANIZATIONS.
- CONSOLIDATE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES (CENTRALIZE ALL PURCHASING ACTIVITIES)
- IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF DAD'S WEBSITE CONSUMER INFORMATION ON LONG TERM CARE PROVIDERS
- ELIMINATE ANNUAL REPORTING ON INDEPENDENT LIVING OPTIONS
- REVIEW THE CURRENT DAD'S BUSINESS STRUCTURE, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT MANY SERVICES REQUIRED BY THE DISABLE AND AGING ARE PROVIDED ELSEWHERE IN THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Making the public aware of the SSLC's is key. There are so many families who have loved ones with special needs and have nowhere to turn. They are in distress and need help. They have no idea the SSLC's even exist. Enrollment is not offered to them! If it was offered, enrollment would be higher, the schools would be more populated and costs would go down as income for residential placement would go up!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree