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Agency: DEPARTMENT ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES DARS

First Name: Arlena

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Title:

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City: Dallas

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am now a 21 year old college student. I was the top 15 of the graduating class in high school. I enrolled with DARS when I turned 15. I was told that they would assist me with driving classes and college but I had to wait until I was 16. When I turned 16, I met with the case worker and was told the age was changed so I must wait until I am 17. When I turned 17, I was then told there is no one available for the driving classes and I can ONLY choose one option which is driving or going to college. I choose college, then I was told I must wait until 6 months prior to graduation. When that time came, the case worker told me I am not capable and does not deserve attending a 4 year college and I should stay at home and go to a community college. She said it is cheaper and better for me and she would not pay for that. I said I wanted to go to a 4 year college! She said "NO" she will not approve it. She then had some agency do an IQ test on me and said based on the results, I was not capable of even obtaining any jobs because my IQ results are borderline retarded. My mother then made a complaint with her supervisor requesting another case worker. We now have a case worker and DARS is assisting me with college. I am currently attending University of North Texas. I have made the Deans list for perfect grades every semester from 2000 to present. I am a tutor for the University and will be attending law school in Spring 2015.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: DARS employees must be trained and supervised properly to ensure the above does not happen to others.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree