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Agency: DEPARTMENT FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DFPS

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

I have read as much as my time allowed me to read the evaluation. As a investigator that was not much time at all. I think the review encapsulated many of front line staff feelings towards her agency and our job. As much as we are dedicated to saving lives of children there must also be a balance to the things that keep staff motivated to stay in their own personal lives.

In regards to Issue #3 I just wanted to add an opinion. One thing I have noticed as of this year was the lack of foster care resources or shelters for teens. It had me think why does CPS or the agency not fund private or state funded facilities that can provide emergency short term placement for children awaiting long term or relative placements. We as staff already may required to put in over time to sti in the office with a child due to lack of placement. When the state could benefit from thijs form of short term placement. The facility can be house in each REgion or maybe half of the regions or those that have high removal rates. The placement option will already meet agency policy regards to care of children within the first 30 days.

The facility's may also offer alternativs to parent child visits on site or at a regional visitation spot. I think if it was considered DFPS should evaluate the facilities annually to ensure they are reflecting the current agency model, expectations and policy for substitute care.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: See above.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree