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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Loretta

Last Name: Castro

Title: parent/ advocate

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Spring

State: Texas

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

My name is Loretta Castro and I am in the support of the closing of the 6 state supported living centers. I am a mother of 7 children one of them has multiple disabilities autism, IDD, autonomic dysfunction, and epilepsy. Several years ago my daughter was in a facility and while in the facility she was abused. She was not bathed which resulted in severe staph infections, marks on her body and the worst part was that her arm had been broken. Her arm had been broken and she had not received any medical attention. It was told to me when I finally got her out and taken her to the hospital that her arm had been " twist broken" which means someone had twisted her arm so hard they broke it. Her arm was so swollen that she was put in a temporary cast until the swelling had gone down for a permanent cast.

I had been told by doctors and staff that my daughter would never be able to live and function outside of a facility. I did get my daughter out and with community supports "HCS" Medicaid waiver my daughter has been home with me and is doing great. She is home and is attending high school and planning on working with animals. With all of the community supports my daughter will be able to live and work in the community. With the community supports she will become an active member of society and become a taxpayer. She will have dignity and respect and self worth.

Again, I am for closing the 6 state schools. We have so many on the waiting lists for community supports there isn't any waiting to get into the state schools. And this constant abuse and neglect of our most vulnerable citizens and loved ones just has to stop!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend the closing of the 6 state schools.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree