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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:

I am the parent of an adult with special needs. I also am a nurse and a former educator (CA) as well as a retiree from DFPS.

The wait lists are too long. Services need to be provided before families and individuals with special needs reach a crisis point.

Closing and consolidating the SSLC's provides an opportunity on many levels.

First off, the opportunity to use the funds secured from sale of sites, and not paying for expensive buildings, to put funds into reducing the wait lists.

The residents from the SSLC's have an opportunity to move into the community or move to a facility that is not falling apart or only partially housed.

People with intellectual disabilities require support from DADS in terms of funds to pay for behavioral supports (when they are needed/ appropriate).

They require support from DARS in terms of employment.

Day activities need to not be warehousing but activities that support and facilitate the interests and abilities of persons with intellectual disabilities.

Lastly, the department of family and protective, as well as DADS needs to be funded to provide real oversight for people with IDD...as they (especially those who cannot use verbal speech) are among the most vulnerable in our population.

I am happy to elaborate or explain any of my comments, and thank you for this opportunity to express

them.

Sincerely,
Amy Liebler Connor

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:
Put funds from consolidation into reducing wait lists for Medicaid Waivers

Provide oversight for people with IDD...where ever they live, work, or recreate

provide day activities and jobs for people with IDD

eliminate conflicts that are bureaucratic from the waivers that make it hard for families and individuals to use the waivers....example ...why can't persons with CLASS reside with HCS etc.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree