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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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Organization you are affiliated with: Richmond State Supported Living Centers

City: Houston

State: Texas

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

The Private ICF;s would need the same individualized care plans provided by the SSLC's in all indoor & outdoor activities.

Penalties for safety violations in Private ICF's have no consequences! Why?

Inspections (if any) of the Private ICF,s are not comprehensive and do not ensure the safety and welfare of our lived ones. They need Inspections and evaluations that mirror the SSLC standards and requirements on a regular basis and frequency

Day Habitation Programs are poorly organized, staffed by persons with little or no training to properly care for our intellectually and developmentally disabled dear ones in the form of vocational skill development which are frequently conducted in unsafe environments, and are not individually focused to support the varying degrees of disability they are confronted with.

Private ICF's facilities, or homes, are not required to provide high quality community interaction activities and the freedom of safe and secure environs for indoor and outdoor activities, strolls and picnic's with their families.

The Commission's cost data is faulty. Private ICF costs do not reflect medical services provided and paid for by Medicaid, this area is in great need of detailed reexamination.

We want "apples to apples", not "apples to oranges" evaluations when you compare the merits between SSLC,s and ICF,s standards and requirements to ensure the safety and welfare of our very special intellectually and

developmentally challenged love ones..... with mandatory budgets funded to reach similar goals in each scenario.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Should the "Private ICF,s" venues ever be responsible for abuse, injury or negligence of our loved ones, we encourage you not to enact legislation to allow them immunity to civil action as though they were a "government entity"!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree