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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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State: Texas

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

I ABSOLUTELY DISAGREE AND DISAPPROVE WITH THE SUNSET COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS/REVIEW! Unfortunately those who make reviews and decisions/recommendations regarding other people, do not have the problem and/or unable to think things through to the very end/conclusion! **THIS IS NOT RIGHT!** Closing SSLCs and creating neighborhood group homes will **COST A LOT MORE IN EXPENSES** then leaving things alone as they are. Most people will not want to live near a group home - **FACE IT! IT IS INDEED UNFORTUNATE.**

Also, most residents of SSLC are not able to live safely in neighborhood group homes. My son, for example (state institutionalized since he was 6 years old) has a mental age of about 3 years old. He is not physically disabled, is autistic, hyperactive, non-verbal and does not recognize danger in any form. Also, parents/guardians need to live fairly closely to their children, etc., in order to comply with Texas Guardianship Laws that require yearly reports and regular visits/checks. Most SSLC residents are about 50 years old and their parents/guardians at least 70 years and older. I, myself, will be 80 years old this coming November 2014.

PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU, PUT YOURSELVES IN OUR PLACES IF YOU CAN AND SEE THE HARM YOU ARE ABOUT TO RECOMMEND/AND ULTIMATELY DO!!!!!!!!!!

Mary Jo Hinchliffe
(Mother/Guardian)
of Rory S. "Odie" Hinchliffe,
resident of Denton State
Supported Living Center,
Denton, Texas

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: DO NOT CLOSE AUSTIN SSLC AND DO NOT CLOSE ANY ADDITIONAL SSLCS IN THE FUTURE. OPEN MORE STATE SSLCS, BECAUSE THERE WILL BE MORE AND MORE DISABLED PEOPLE THAT WILL NEED THE FACILITIES. TEXAS POPULATION KEEPS GROWING NOT REDUCING. FORT WORTH STATE SCHOOL/STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTER NEEDS TO BE REOPENED TO SERVE THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND DISABLED IN THE DFW AREA!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree