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My wife and I are the parents of a 40 year old son who suffers from cerebral palsy and mental retardation. He is nonverbal and is wheelchair bound, with some limitation of the upper extremities also. Matthew has been a resident of the El Paso SSLC for the past 18 years. His care there for the most part has been very good, with a few bumps in the road. Although some say that Matthew would do well in a community home, we do not agree. He is totally dependent on others for about 90% of his daily needs.

Now, we as many other families in Texas, are faced with the possibility of our SSLC closing. If the El Paso SSLC were to close and Matthew could not be integrated into a community home, it would be devastating to us and him since the next closest SSLC is about 350 miles away! You know, it wouldn't be like sending your child off to college.

So, we are urging you to consider the families and the quality of care their loved ones receive in the SSLC's before you close any of them and the consequences for those families. We know that we are also speaking for other parents that belong to the Parents and Friends Assoc.. of the El Paso SSLC.

Respectfully,
James and Gloria Stoeckl