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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Halbreich

Title: Dyslexia Specialist/Certified Academic Language Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: International Dyslexia Association

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The training a Dyslexia Specialist receives is extremely specialized and intensive with careful supervision of a case study. Qualifying for licensing shows a high degree of training and knowledge . Without licensing, a "specialist" could be any person, with or without training. This is misleading for anyone trying to hire a tutor who can significantly change the educational outcome for a student, for good or bad, depending on the quality of the tutor's training. Students who receive quality academic language therapy can continue on to college and a brighter future career path.

Receiving timely, effective therapy is guaranteed from a licensed Dyslexia Therapist.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please continue the Dyslexia Therapist licensing program.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree