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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Enrique

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Title: CEO, LCSW

Organization you are affiliated with: Opportunities Counseling Center

City: Fort Worth and Grand Prairie

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I oppose the plan to discontinue the Offender Education Programs (DWI, DWI Intervention, Alcohol Awareness Education Minors in Possession and the Drug Offender Education Program) in Texas because of the following

reasons: Affordable Education Programs could be made unavailable to the people who are most in need including adolescents; The effects of Alcohol and Drug Abuse problems could increase as a result of program unavailability and a lack of access to educational resources; The risk of people harming themselves and/or others through the use of mind altering substance and impaired decisions could increase as a result of a lack of educational resources; An increase in problems related to the use of alcohol and/or drugs could continue to have negative and long-term effects on the person with the problem, the family and the community at large. Numerous providers have invested time, energy and financially to provide educational services in a professional manner. Providers and the education programs we provide have been certified by DSHS and we follow the state guidelines so we can remain in good standing as providers. The problem of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Addiction remains in Texas and people need of all the assistance they can get including early intervention from the legal system and educators such as the Offender Education Program. I appreciate your consideration of this request. Social Programs are needed!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Help us maintain the Offender Education Programs - help us improve them but please don't discontinue them. This program are providing early intervention to citizens of our state who are most in need.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree