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Boynton Beach, FL
33426
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DDS Central Office
460 Capitol Ave.
Hartford, CT.06106
Executive Assistant

Kathryn Rock-Burns;

My name is James J Payden. I am the father and Plenary Guardian of Geraldine Payden , better known as DeeDee Payden, who was diagnosed Down Syndrome at birth.

DeeDee has been a resident of Southbury Training School for over 50 yrs. This is her home and has been her primary residence for her entire adult life.

All of the life enhancing and educational skills she has learned over the course of 50 years has been accomplished, under the loving guidance of the professional and dedicated STS staff. Geraldine is non verbal, which presents a problem with her safety, if she were in a neighborhood community. Many people are often prejudice or mean spirited toward mentally challenged people.

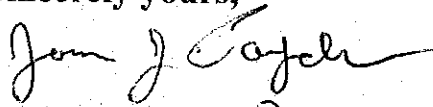
I, as her Father, expect that Geraldine remain in STS, where she has flourished and above all, remained safe for over 50 yrs. This we have been promised and have counted on , despite the recent political bickering.

What should be **the top consideration**, is **what is best for the client and that the lives of mentally challenged children are important**. How would you want your child/family member be treated ? Would you want him/her to be put out of their home of 50 yrs.?

Southbury Training School meets all of Geraldine's need and **her HOME MUST NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER OR THE REST OF HER S.T.S FAMILY.**

Southbury training School is still the cheapest and BEST option for severely mentally challenged people.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES J. PAYDEN

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December 22, 2015

Commissioner Morna Murray
DDS Central Office
460 Capitol Ave.
Hartford, CT.

TO : Commissioner Morna Murray :

My name is James J. Payden and my daughter has been a resident of Southbury Training School for 50 yrs. The following are my recommendations ;

I. Respect the Human Rights and Dignity of Severely Mentally Challenged People.

Southbury Training School is a life-giving Care Facility ,providing housing for severely mentally challenged people, in individual cottage/group homes, where clients live with their peers in a home environment. The campus is secure and well maintained.

II. Person Centered Planning

Educational and instructional programs teach daily life skills and personal development. The client's life is in constant progress, each moment enriched with developmental experiences. Occupational opportunities are provided on campus, as well.

III. Quality Care Program

Residents are supported by, protected, cared for and loved by professionally trained staff. At S.T.S. there is continuity of staff, compared to outside homes which have frequent turn-over of personnel. Medical, dental, physical therapy and other necessary services are provided.

STOP.... the WAITING LIST NOW !

Give the gift of a worthwhile life to the 1.000 or more severely mentally challenged people who desperately need placement in S.T.S.

RE-OPEN the SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL COTTAGES

SOUTHBURY..... is " THE".....SOLUTION

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