

Date: Thursday, December 31, 2015

To: Commissioner Murry DDS

From: Nicole Z. Consiglio, Parent

I'm writing to show support for the closing of the Southbury Training School and the five regional centers. I've been reading about the support & recommendations of The Arc of Connecticut and I'm in favor of closing these institutions. I have a 19 year old daughter who has intellectual disabilities and who is on the Autism Spectrum with PDD-NOS. I'm concerned she won't have the opportunities she needs to experience supportive living outside of our home due to the constraints of the current system. The money saved by closing the school & regional centers should be reinvested back into the DDS system so that those on the current waiting lists can have that same opportunity... to live in a supportive environment outside of their parent's home and to experience a safe & stable future of continued support because they and their families need it the most. Thank you for your time and attention on this all so important matter.