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What are they actually waiting For? A system that cannot predict when, how or if they will be served and to what degree? And how is the system beginning to morph into a more managed type care environment.

How best will children and adults with special needs be supported?

If outside of a site, which is commendable how will Ct, DDS, DSS, assist with the conversion to community based services, supports, employment, integrated and included community based services, a no doubt wonderful goal but the plan must include everyone, a solid funding base and voices of those served.

One comment about providers, the efficient backbone of existing and new initiatives, if we cannot operate effectively to accept more people from waiting lists, if we cannot expand, if we cannot sustain a workforce of at least a decent hourly rate by retaining any surpluses, how will this backbone in fact survive?

Please do all you can to advocate for the very people you chose to represent, and advocate for those who support those who are served.

If we can at a minimum go back two years of retaining a 50% of any earnings that is a start toward accommodating more people, greater needs and continuing to be part of what was once one of the very best States and service systems especially in Employment in the US.

Thank you for listening.

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