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DDS

My name is Gaetano Taccone. I am the father of twin daughters, 35 years of age, who have been mentally challenged since birth.

I realize it took a lot of effort to draft the Five Year Plan, thanks to all involved with this great undertaking, however, the "Do More With Less" policy which created an increasing insurmountable backlog of services and supports for our most vulnerable residents is failing. Sharing responsibilities with departments with similar difficulties without resolving the inherent issues is just another way To Pass The Buck.

The phrase "Within Available Appropriations" was repeatedly used throughout the Plan although I get it, past experience shows that this is the doorway that funding, supports, and services walk through and our disabled pay the price.

I feel that one phrase in the Plan on page 20 in the second paragraph describes the reality and attitude of DDS. "DDS needs the full engagement and participation of all stakeholders to complete this work and we value all partners willing to develop and change with us". The key words are, partners willing to develop and change with us. I can only assume that DDS values partners willing to do things their way. It seems that DDS as transitioned from smoke and mirrors to a shell game.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

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