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> The following is my response to the Individual Provider Training Bill:

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> I support the position of the Washington State Parent Coalitions for Developmental Disabilities, with the following additions:

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> a. Siblings, and other family members take the place of parents when they cannot continue to care for their children. This should be addressed in this bill and the same benefits afforded to parents should be afforded to these family members.

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> Request: PLEASE USE THE WORD FAMILY INSTEAD OF PARENT.

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> b. My qualification, training, and senior management experience qualifies me for more than what the training would provide. I can not waste 10, 28, or more hours going through training when I am capable, and have written, training books and standards. Please assure an opt out clause is put into place. This would pertain to medical professionals or those in training to be a medical professional.

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> Request: PLEASE INCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF TRAINING IF APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALS AND TRAINING CAN BE DEMONSTRATED TO THE CASE MANAGER.

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> c. Please amend to include training, up to 40 hours, on the job, for Family defined care criteria. Make this mandatory. It occurs on a regular basis that DD agency providers chose to ignore family instructions and say that they only have to listen to the client. If the client of developmentally delayed and does not have the judgment to make decisions, this puts the client at big risk. To be blatantly ignores by care providers is not only inappropriate, but puts the client and state at legal risk. This needs to be avoided. It is not cost effect.

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> Request: ALL AGENCY AND INDIVIDUAL CARE PROVIDERS WILL GO THROUGH UP TO 40 HOURS OF ON THE JOB TRAINING, INSTRUCTED BY THE FAMILY MEMBER. THE PROVIDER WILL PAID FOR THIS TRAINING AS WILL BE THE FAMILY MEMBER CONDUCTING THE TRAINING.

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> d. It is rumored that several weeks of training will be required for agency personnel. It would seem that this is trying to train skills into providers who are lacking in skill and shouldn't be in this position to begin with. It has been my experience that 'some' cultural difficulties exist for individual providers who are recent residents in this country. I have had my home damaged, my brother abandoned, and my instruction from my brother's care ignores by such people.

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> Request: Assure that providers for persons with developmental disabilities are American culturally base lined and can adequately speak the English language before they are hired and go through training so that they can serve as a safe, and appropriate role model and care giver for those with developmental disabilities.

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> Thank you Denise for accepting my comments.

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