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To: Patrick, Donna (CTED)  
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Subject: CAC meeting on 11/5/07

Donna,

I am concerned about the lack of mention or consideration of parents whose adult children with dd's receive their services from Home and Community Services. As a parent I was required to take the 28 hour Fundamentals and 4 hours safety training in order to be able to provide MPC services to my son under the COPES program, which caused me to miss a week of work at the Arc. All of the focus of the CAC seems to be on DDD clients and their families, and this is going to leave out a significant portion of families whose adult children do not qualify for DDD services because of changes to their eligibility requirements. For example, without a diagnosis of Autistic Disorder 299.0, a person on the autism spectrum will lose their eligibility, at least by age 18 if not before. This is what happened to my son. At that point the only other agency that would serve my son was Home and Community Services. As a former case manager I saw many clients lose their eligibility for DDD services in this way.

Is there a way that we can also make certain that these HCS families' training requirements are also addressed by the Long Term Care Taskforce? I think that the 6 hour training allowed for DDD parents should also extend to HCS parents as well since we are all caring for our kids with developmental disabilities. As a parent contracted with HCS to provide services to my son I am concerned that this group of parents is not being represented.

Thanks for your help.

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