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My name is Paulette Hunter. My son is a child with a disability. I am an independent advocate that help families navigate the system. I strongly support the position of the Disability Rights Network of PA and the Child Policy Coordinator of Mental Health Association in PA, Wendy Luckibill.

I would also like to see the following:

1. A 3, 6, 9 , 12 months evaluation after a child depart RTF to ensure that the child is still getting the service he/she needs.
2. Better coordination of medical service when the child is relocated to an out of network provider area.
3. A clear checklist of the procedure when a parent disagree with the ISP and when abuse occur.
4. A clear understanding that a child has the right to an educational placement in the least restrictive environment, to attend the local public schools and that the RTF must plan for the provision of behavioral health service to support the child if that is the appropriate educational placement.
5. A coordinated meeting should occur 60 days prior to departure from the facility with the community school district, provider, and parents. This will ensure that the child have a smooth transition when he/she depart from the RTF into the community.

Paulette Hunter
parent

