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From: Candy Shaffer [<mailto:candaceleeshaffer@gmail.com>]
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My name is Candy Shaffer; and my daughter, Kacie (age 25), who has Down syndrome, receives services through Barber National Institute's Agency with Choice.

I have just become aware of the proposed increase in staff training, and I am hoping that you will help prevent these additional and unnecessary training regulations.

For our family it would have a very negative impact.

First, it would make it more difficult for families to find qualified staff willing to take the additional training. The training that is already provided is more than sufficient. Very recently I had the occasion to talk to someone who completed the current training this year (someone who is not staff for our family), and that person said that the training was more than what would have been necessary and that input from the family is more important. Like the other families I speak with who use AWC services, I believe communication between the staff member and family members is more valuable than formal training.

Second, and more important to us, additional regulations would most likely decrease the amount of money we have available for services for Kacie. We are already very, very close to our cap; and quite frankly, the cap we have now is not really sufficient for our needs. We could easily use twice the amount of funds that are available to us. A decrease would be heartbreaking.

Please consider my comments, especially the second one. This program works very well for our family, and a cut in services to provide additional and unnecessary training would make our lives much more difficult than they already are.

Thank you, Julie. Please contact me if you have any questions for me.

Candy Shaffer
Parent to Kacie Shaffer