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**Subject:** Regulation 6100.143 Annual Training

Dear Julie,

I am writing in regard to the proposed Regulation 6100.143 - Annual Training. As the parent of a 31-year old daughter with significant disabilities, I have been volunteering and advocating in the field of Human Services in Erie County for nearly three decades. I understand the system from both sides, as a parent and as a consultant/trainer, and see significant negatives to enacting this regulation as it is written.

First, and foremost, I understand the need for training in a licensed facility, but I don't believe this level it is needed across the board. Agency-with-Choice, an unlicensed program through the Barber National Institute, should be an exception. The same could be said for other PFDS programs.

Because my daughter is nonverbal and diagnosed with Down syndrome, Autism, Severe OCD and a number of additional medical issues, we use a considerable number of staff to support her. Many are longtime employees of 6-20 years. In AWC, a person-directed program, we

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know a limited amount of basic training is necessary, but having the ability to identify which trainings are specifically necessary for her in-home/community staff should be our choice.

These generalized trainings are often repetitive, inappropriate, and add unnecessary costs to AWC agencies which will ultimately impact the budget of services provided to our daughter and others. Once again, because we keep our daughter at home to maintain her individuality and our family unit (instead of in a nursing home placement which would cost the state tens of thousands of dollars more), we are penalized.

As written, I believe Regulation 6100.143 is wasteful of tax dollars and ask that you revise it before passage.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rhonda Schember

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