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To Whom It May Concern:

Being able to come back home to Kansas to retire was our dream that has definitely took a turn into a nightmare having to deal with the state's Development Disability Organization for our adult child.

As an aging parent needing services for an adult intellectual disabled adult, it is a struggle to find services when you relocate back to Kansas after years of working in other states and having received services there.

Michele was born in Iowa Kansas and received services from the state till 1991 when we moved for my job. We then moved to Missouri, Alabama and back to Missouri signing up for those services each and every time though not as demanding as the state of Kansas.

Coming back home to Kansas means we must start completely over applying for services for Michele and get back on the waiting list as such. To even get on this waiting list we need the Psychological testing from 20 plus years ago so that her new medical doctor can provide a DSM-V diagnosis.

In Missouri Michele was receiving services for Home Community Based Services of 15 hours weekly to help her with personal care skills.

She also attended received the following daily services for which was

CI – Community Integration and Day Habilitation services, PCA and ISD – Individual Skills Development. Progress over the previous plan year was discussed. She continued to make progress on her goals and outcomes.

Day Hab - Michele at the day program for 3 days and community integration support for 2 days.

PCA- Michele received support with her household chores, shopping, dressing, transportation, socialization, recreation, and laundry.

ISD- Michele also had support preparation of meals and cleaning up of such.

All of this now is unavailable in the state of Kansas due to the unavailability of funds which require her to enter the waiting game again and meet all the requirements which were provided for her in other states by just providing documentation that she was on Social Security and Medicaid.

Michele has been approved for day services as well as Residential Housing but now is in the WAIT LIST loop.

As a parent of an aging adult child who has been receiving government SSI/SS for 20 plus years as well as Medicaid, I feel I have left Michele down by moving back to Kansas where the strict requirements to even enter the system had to be met before even entering the long waiting list for such services.

I would hope the state of Kansas is able to find a way to support funding for all citizens especially the ones who are not able to support themselves but need each and everyone of us to provide for their needs.

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