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Hello, my name is Bette Price. CT Legal Aid Services has been involved with my son, Kevin Price for many years. Kevin was a client of DMHAS at Capital Region. He was placed in a nursing home for what we thought would be 6 weeks, but turned out to be over 6 years. He was placed there to receive help and training to get his diabetes under control. Kevin does have special needs, but did not belong in, or need to live out his life in a nursing home. DHMAS just left him there....and walked away.

CT Legal Aid sued on Kevin's behalf and won. Today, Kevin has his own apartment, a cat and a fish he cares for, 24 hours of staffing, and a life that is filled with hope and pride and his own sense of belonging. Kevin is going to adult ed for his GED, took part in the summer games of bowling for the Special Olympics team, went to his first dinner dance with his girlfriend, gives himself his own meds, is certified in CPR and First Aid, and goes to TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) every week. To date, Kevin has lost over 70 pounds since he left the nursing home on April 23, 2008. Kevin takes part in his own life, he has plans and dreams, makes his own decisions and choices. He has a social life.

Kevin's life is better and his future brighter thanks to all the help he received from CT Legal Services. They worked long and hard to get Kevin out of that nursing home, and they were successful. Please keep CT Legal Aid Services funded! Every lawyer, secretary and clerk works hard for their clients. They are a team. They are the voice for all the persons still trapped in nursing homes. There are many Kevins still out there, hoping for their chance to be heard and saved. Please do not silence the CT Legal Aid services. They do so much good. Thank you for your time.

Bette Price