



March 9, 2010

To: Human Services Committee

From: Terry Edelstein, President/CEO

Re: Testimony: H. B. No. 5430 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES TO THERAPEUTIC GROUP HOMES IN THE STATE.

We support this legislation that requires DCF, DMHAS, DDS and DPH to develop a plan for moving children served in out of state residential treatment facilities to services in state.

The Connecticut Community Providers Association (CCPA) represents organizations that provide services and supports for adults and children with disabilities and other significant challenges including children and adults with mental illness, substance use disorders, developmental and physical disabilities. Community providers serve more than 500,000 of the state's most vulnerable residents.

We are in support of the provision of community-based services and supports. Ideally, residential services for children should be provided close to their families and close to their home communities with the goal of returning those children, as much as possible, to their family constellations. Therapeutic group homes are part of the array of services that support children with complex behavioral health needs in home-like settings in local communities.

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