

Testimony of Bernadette Robinson

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Good evening Senator Harp, Representative Walker, and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Bernadette Robinson and I am a case manager at Bridges Y.A.S in West Haven, CT. I can truly witness to the fact that the Young Adult Services program does provides mental health treatment, employment support, life skill development and housing assistance to young adults with serious mental illness. The denying of important services at this stage in life has high-cost impacts both for the individuals affected and their communities.

I have worked at Bridges for 6 years and I can say that if it wasn't for this service a lot of clients would perish.