

Gregg Holomakoff

My name is Gregg Holomakoff. I reside at 21 Eversley Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851. My son, Alan, is 28 year old and has ASD.

Alan was diagnosed at age 3 and received services until he graduated from Norwalk Public Schools at age 22. Since then, it is as if he does not exist anymore in the eyes of services for the disabled. He is adrift and, because of his higher IQ, he does not qualify for DMR services. He works 8 hours a week at a local grocery store bagging groceries, but because of a lack of job support he is not allowed, by the employer, to work more. Current services available will get him a job but not support him in this job.

Services for those with ASD are in desperate need of expansion. Once people leave the public school system at age 22, there is nothing in place. This needs to be addressed. Connecticut needs to realize that the numbers of people with ASD is ever expanding and that the people who have aged out of the public school system need support.

Thank you for acting on this very important matter.