

Sir,

I have lived in Sandy Hook since 1978. My wife and I have raised three children here. I know of 2 families raising special needs children. Their children are now in their mid-thirties and coping quite well thanks to DDS services they have been receiving. If these services were to stop, what would their fate be? Would they be placed in a state institution if one still existed? Would they still have their needs fulfilled in their family homes without these services? I am sure it would cost the state much more to place them in state institutions.

My own grand-daughter aged 2.5 was diagnosed with ASD with an underlying genetic syndrome last week. My neighbor's grand-daughter aged 2 was just diagnosed with Retts syndrome two weeks ago. Both of these toddlers are CT residents too. Until I saw our governor's desire to cut services, I thought that these two toddler's families could depend on DDS services for assistance for their children and families. Governor Malloy appears to think otherwise. We all agree, we need to cut costs in this state, but the DDS is not a place to start.

I urge you to restore the DDS budget to at least its former level and preferable more. Our state has always treated DDS clients and their families with dignity and respect by offering much needed assistance.

Let's not change this.

Regards,
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