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My 68 year old severely retarded sister lives with us. My husband, family and I have made the commitment to keep her at home. She does have serious behavior issues. We have been able to access limited day funding supplemented by respite dollars. This has allowed us to free up some time for our own activities and have some time away from her. She enjoys it too. We hire good people to stay with her, and do various activities (such as crafts) with her in a portion of our home. We know that she has good coverage and she is safe.

Please do not cut funding to DDS-this department serves a very vulnerable and at risk population. THE PLANNED BUDGET CUTS TO DDS MUST BE RESCINDED...we all have a responsibility to care for this fragile population!!!!

Noreen and John Scafuri, and family