

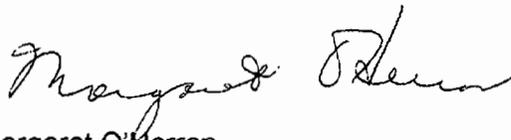
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Board
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525 W. Jefferson Street
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Dear Board,

Please close Jacksonville to free up funds for community agencies.

I am the step-parent of a young man with developmental disabilities. He is thriving in an agency in the community. I urge you to continue plans to closet he Jacksonville Development Center so the individuals there can receive care in community settings.



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Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Board:

As a parent of an adult with an intellectual disability, I strongly support the closure of the Jacksonville Developmental Center.

In Illinois, thousands of individuals have successfully transitioned from institutions to community living. I believe that many of the current individuals now living in CILA have successfully transitioned from state institutions and nursing homes. This is good public policy.

Community living offers people with disabilities a safer way of living with quality, independence and equality.

There are also two recent Legislative Resolutions calling for re-balancing the Developmental Disability System in Illinois.

1. Senate & House Joint Resolution 15 – 2011
2. House Joint Resolution 28 – 2009

There is also a tremendous editorial support for re-balancing the disability system by closing state institutions. Including the Chicago Tribune's, Sept 30, 2011 editorial, Moving to Community Care – State-Run Centers for Developmentally Disabled Finally on the Way Out!

There are now 14 states without state institutions including our neighbors

1. Minnesota – 2000
2. Indiana – 2007
3. Michigan – 2009

Nationally, the trend is very dramatic in states closing their state institutions from a high of 194,650 individuals in state institutions to 33,732 in 2009. Ask yourself, "Is this where we as public servants should be investing scarce resources for our state?"

Illinois has a "Blueprint" to re-balance the disability system. It was developed in 2008 and updated in 2012 as a seven year guide to move to an integrated community system. It is time to implement the "Blueprint for System Redesign in Illinois."

Everyone can live in the community with the proper supports.

It is imperative that the individuals at Jacksonville be properly supported for a successful transition to community living.

What we need now is the political will to do the right thing and move this antiquated institutional system into a community system that supports everyone based upon their individual needs.

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To Whom It May Concern, I am a parent of an adult woman with multiple developmental disabilities. My daughter resides with me and has been on a waiting list for services in Illinois for over six years! It is fiscally irresponsible and inhumane to continue to keep institutions open in the state of Illinois. Our family and over 20,000 other families in Illinois are impacted by the states irresponsibility and archaic treatment of those with disabilities. You should all be ashamed of yourselves putting union jobs over people's lives!!!! **Close all institutions in Illinois for good!**

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