

## URGENT REQUEST

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), which oversees the DD Act programs in your state (incl. DD Councils and P&As) has posted recommendations on its website. Among these: "Eliminate Congregate Care."

Comments are being accepted through this **Friday, February 25, 2011.**

### Urgent request:

**1. Prepare a simple statement in support of licensed facility programs ("congregate care") for persons with severe intellectual and developmental disabilities and OBJECT to the ADD recommendation that congregate care programs be eliminated.**

For example, you might write:

"The nation needs a balanced range of service options for individuals with severe and profound intellectual and developmental disabilities, including the option of licensed facility-based care. **I object to the recommendation that congregate care programs should be eliminated.** ADD should not use its public funds to sponsor programs and promote policies which undermine and eliminate congregate care options, including intermediate care facility programs for persons with mental retardation (ICF/MR). My family member receives life-sustaining ICF/MR supports; **HIS/HER** very existence depends on this program."

**YOUR NAME**  
**Your city and state**

**2. Go on-line (directions below) and submit your objections.** Keep a copy of your remarks for future use.

**3. To post your comment BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, [click here.](#)**

(Direct link: [http://www.envision2010.net/comment\\_submit.php](http://www.envision2010.net/comment_submit.php))

Fill in the required boxes marked with the asterisk. For "choose your topic" Adulthood is the best choice.

Where it asks you to enter the title of your submission --- that is what will appear at the top of your submission. Something like "Support Residential Choice" or "ICFs/MR are needed" are suggestions.

To see other comments, click "[What Others Have to Say](#)" link (<http://www.envision2010.net/others.php>).

You can then type in your comments. There is no word limit. You can "copy and paste" into the comment section. You don't have to, but you can also attach ("upload your document") your document.

When finished, hit SUBMIT.

**THANK YOU FOR COMMENTING.**

At the ADD listening sessions, many VOR members and others did testify in support of congregate care and the right of residential choice. Even ADD recognized these testimonies in its "key testimony trends." However, these testimonies were ignored or forgotten when putting together the ADD recommendations.

YOUR COMMENTS ARE NEEDED. THANK YOU.

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