

To whom it may concern

Hello,

I'm the mother of a 22 year old young man with autism. My son was diagnosed with autism at the age of three and this has been a struggle from the day one.

We have been struggling with his behavior since his diagnosis. School used to call us multiple times a day to pick him up because of his unsafe behavior. They have changed his school multiple times.

He was at home for a few years after high school graduation. But we had to reach out to JCDS due to his aggressive behaviors.

Eventually, after months of follow up, JCDS provided us with a case manager, Lucas Kurz. It took Lucas and us months of continuous effort to find support services for my son. I took a tour of several facilities before I set my eyes on JCDS day services. JCDS day services was not an initial recommendation by Lucas and I found out about it by accident. My son has been in this program for a few months. The staff are extremely helpful and his behavior has improved due to their interventions.

I cannot imagine switching him to a different program, as any change in his routine may have tragic outcome. In addition, Lucas has been an invaluable resource and is aware of all details of my son needs and behavior.

In summary, I do not see any conflict of interest in this context. Removing my son from his current program or replacing his case manager would have detrimental effect on my family's life and my son's future.

Best regards,

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