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Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2009 9:39 PM

To: Nancy O'Donnell

Subject: Funds being cut in colorado for CRS client

Dear Ms. O'Donnell,

I am writing to you in hopes you might be able to direct me to someone who can help. Our close friends in Colorado, Mick & Nancy Wenlock, have only recently learned that State funds are being cut by over 50% for their adult son Sean Wenlock who is a victim of CRS and is deaf & blind. Sean is in need of care 24/7. If the funds get cut to his care giver the results could be devastating for him as well as his parents.

A grass roots effort is underway to send letters, e-mails, & phone calls to the Legislature, Governor, press, and anyone else who might be able to help stop the cuts from being done to the detriment of the severely developmentally disabled and in Sean's case a CRS victim.

I'm hoping that you may know of someone who might have a voice and will be heard who supports CRS clients and their families. In the event that we are not successful in overturning the Governments budget cuts I was hoping you might be able to lead me to sources that may be able to lend financial support to the Wenlocks.

Any help you give will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you. Sincerely,
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Family Nurse Practitioner

From: Nancy O'Donnell <nancy.odonnell@hknc.org>

Subject: RE: Funds being cut in colorado for CRS client

Date: Monday, June 22, 2009, 1:17 PM

Paulette - I have forwarded your email to my colleagues who might know of appropriate channels for this. I'll keep you posted. We do have a listserv of over 100 individuals who have CRS, their parents and professionals who work with them. Although these folks live all over the country, I'm sure they would be interested in joining your letter writing campaign if you thought it would help. Let me know...

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Dear Nancy,

Thank you so much for this. The Wenlock's are working on setting up a webpage that should be completed any day now. Once that is done I'll forward it to you. It will have all the contact information for the press and politicians that letters should go to. It would be a great help to have you pass this along to the CRS parents, providers, and anyone else you know who understands the devastation the Wenlock's face were the cuts to go through.

If your organization has a press person that the Wenlocks might be able to contact if needed would you mind providing me with that information? Any help would be greatly appreciated by myself, friends of the Wenlocks, and the Wenlocks themselves - especially Sean Wenlock the innocent victim here.

I look forward to future communications with you.

Sincerely,
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