



Eliminate the Community Protection Program (CPP)

Problem:

CPP is the most restrictive community program administered by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA.) The DD Ombuds wrote a report focused on areas of concerns with CPP: People are referred to the program at a young age before they have access to other supports and services. Individuals must comply with DDA's CPP recommendations or risk losing access to other services. The program has a low graduation rate. The DDA documents produced at DD Ombuds' request showed lax adherence to policies that protect the rights of people with disabilities. The DD Ombuds has recommended this program be eliminated.

Proposal: DDA has prepared proposed agency-request legislation to eliminate the Community Protection Program and ensure people have their needs met in the existing waivers. Any changes must address the issues identified in the DD Ombuds report "[No Way Out – An Introduction to the Community Protection Program](#)" and ensure that services do not isolate people from the community.

- a. DDA should collaborate with every person in CPP to create a person-centered service plan to transition them to other waivers with specialized services.
- b. DDA should find and develop resources to meet the needs of young people with developmental disabilities who are identified as having possible "community protection issues," and take other actions to divert them from the restrictive programs like CPP.
- c. DDA agency sponsored legislation should ensure individuals are not restricted from other DDA services or hours if they choose not to be in restrictive programs like CPP.
- d. DDA should ensure each person has a clear path to graduation from CPP or other restrictions using a person-centered planning process.
- e. DDA and their contracted providers must meet all federal, state and policy requirements to guarantee that people are not subjected to unwarranted restrictions of their civil and human rights.

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