



Eliminate the Community Protection Program (CPP)

Problem: The Community Protection Program (CPP) is the most restrictive community program administered by the Developmental Disabilities Community Services (DDCS.) The DD Ombuds wrote a report focused on areas of concern:

- People are referred to the program at a young age before they have access to other supports and services.
- Individuals must comply with DDCS's CPP recommendations or risk losing access to other services.
- The program has a low graduation rate.

DDCS documents produced to the DD Ombuds' request showed lax adherence to policies that protect the rights of people with disabilities

Proposal: Direct DDCS to eliminate the Community Protection Program and create specialized services in the existing waivers. People currently on CPP Waiver should have a thoughtful transition to a new waiver where they keep the current support that they want. The 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 further isolate people from the community.

- DDCS should find and develop resources to meet the needs of young people with developmental disabilities identified as having possible "community protection issues," and take other actions to divert them from the restrictive CPP.
- DDCS has proposed agency-sponsored legislation to end the Community Protection Program
- DDCS should collaborate with every person in CPP and create a person-centered service plan to transition them to other waivers with specialized services.
- DDCS should ensure each person has a clear path to graduation from CPP using a person-centered planning process.
- Ensure DDCS and their contracted providers meet all federal, state, and policy requirements to guarantee that people are not subjected to unwarranted restrictions of their civil and human rights.

No Way Out
An Introduction to the Community
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