

We write in support of the recommendations made to the Department by Jeff Walter on behalf of CCPA and its members. As noted, private providers like Oak Hill have been partners with the Department for decades, enabling people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to enjoy fruitful lives in their communities across the State.

With many having been involved in helping people to move from Mansfield and Southbury Training Schools, State Hospitals, Regional Centers and other institutional placements into community settings, Oak Hill and other providers have the capacity and capability to assist the Department going forward.

That said, it is essential that a fair, rational and predictable rate structure be in place which will support the policy objectives of the Department and Administration and make it feasible for providers to develop the services and supports needed to fulfill those objectives. The significant systems changes over the past three decades have resulted from near-term investments being made to achieve the desired long-term results. At this critical inflection point, such investment is once again needed, to ensure a continuum of care is available to meet peoples' needs in the community.



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