

WHY MDC SHOULD STAY OPEN: by Jack and Martha Doub

I. for our son Tom Doub

A. our family and Tom's handicap of autism

- 1) no fear of danger--will run out in traffic
- 2) inability to talk
- 3) aggression if changes in life
- 4) eating disorder if change
- 5) bowel syndrome--monitoring

B. Tom's needs:

- 1) Wanderguard System to prevent him from leaving unsupervised.
- 2) Pyramid/layers of care TPW, QUID, RCS, NURSING STAFF, VISITING MEDICAL DOCTOR (part of staff), PSYCHOLOGIST (helps create behavior plans) PSYCHIATRIST (every 6 weeks to discuss titration of medication.

II. Needs of other clients

A. Some are more medically fragile than our son Tom.

B. Some clients need a lot of monitoring

III. The Principles Against the Closing of MDC:

A. DODD recommended MDC to us, now the same agency wants to take it away.

B. All the family members, relatives and friends of the MDC clients are happy and satisfied with MDC

C. The city of Huber Heights is happy to have MDC in their city.

D. The MDC staff is caring and stable (little turnover)

E. It should be a local decision (loved ones of clients--their opinions were not even considered, nor was the city of Huber Heights.)

F. It will probably cost more money to close it in the long run

G. It will cause much harm to the most vulnerable American citizens

H. It is against what I believe.

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