

Connie Swartz
Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

My brother is now 59 and has been benefiting from Hattie Larlham services for several years. It is the organization that I have found in the area that works with and helps adults as well as children. It's something that most of these children/adults would not otherwise be able to do. Their events are my brother's social outlet, and he always looks forward to the dances/banquets and other things offered. I feel much safer for him knowing there are plenty of staff on the grounds of these events as well. When I have taken him, I've noticed a lot of adults enjoying themselves. Not only do they desperately need more staff, but the families they serve do also. Please do not let our families and their loved ones suffer for something as simple as funding. I see so much money wasted in the government, but this is a much-needed service and benefits our disabled.

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