

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in concern of the possibility of them having some of their funding cut. I found it hard to believe when they told me that the Disabilities Network of Eastern CT might be losing their funding. This is an important and necessary agency.

Please let me tell you of my own personal experience with the agency. After struggling for years through the mountains of red tape of both the city and state agencies in trying to get our handicapped daughter placed and settled before something happened where we would not be around to help her. It was our good fortune to be passing by in the Norwich Industrial Park and noticing the sign of the Disabilities Network of Eastern CT.

We never heard an advertisement and I can't understand why but never was the DNEC ever recommended to us by any official agency. Always we were blocked by the city or state while we were just trying to do the right thing. If we had not found the DNEC on our own I truly believe that our daughter would still not be well placed.

The Disabilities Network of Eastern CT took a personal approach to our problem, a guiding hand as it were. When either I or my wife was feeling frustrated they helped tackle the problems in a methodical way.

Always with the city or state there was road block after road block often referring us right

back to the department we just came from.

The Disabilities Network of Eastern CT showed us a light at the end of the tunnel, gave us a sense of hope. True nothing was accomplished overnight but we saw real progress with

each and every visit. Each problem was tackled successively and we finally saw our daughter placed in a home where she is well taken care of and with still having her parents around to help her with the transition instead of her waking up one day with no one and no where to turn. Both my wife and I rest much easier knowing she is well taken care of both now and in the future. We are both greatly indebted to the DNEC.

In conclusion, it is our opinion that this is fine and important organization should not be worried about having their funding cut but it should have it increased so that they can reach out and help even more people.

Humbly yours,

David & Linda Barry