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Eunice Phillipi
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Dear Eunice,

The State of Oregon, Office of Developmental Disability Services has a commitment to transition children and adults with significant developmental and medical care needs out of nursing facilities and into community based placements. There is currently a great need for the development of increased community based placement capacity. Dependable and supportive services are the key to making these transitions possible. I would like to set up a meeting with you to begin discussing the transition of several of these individuals to community based placements.

At this time, we have several creative funding options, and many individuals in need of transition services. Recent legislative decisions have provided approval for the expansion of existing community based programs and providers. Transition to community placements is made possible by two potential funding sources: On the Move in Oregon and SPD Nursing Home Diversion dollars.

On the Move in Oregon is a project funded by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. On the Move has anticipated funding for 40 children with developmental disabilities in pediatric nursing facilities, and 200 adults with developmental disabilities in nursing and intermediate care facilities.

SPD Nursing Home Diversion also has the ability to fund community supports for many individuals as well. In addition to transitioning individuals out of nursing facilities, SPD Nursing Home Diversion is also designed to divert individuals from needing to enter nursing facilities for long term placements in the first place.

I would like to be able to discuss the situation with you so that you are better able to understand the need and be better able to project development and plan for the future. Please call me anytime on my cell, 503 510-3323, and we can set up a time that is convenient for you for us to get together. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Laura Soyster, Nursing Home Diversion Specialist
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