

My name is Elizabeth Hisatake and I am the parent of a Daughter who is 5 years of age and her name is: Karma. We receive services from Deschutes County CDDP (Community Developmental Disability Program) and Karma lives at home with her family. Karma's story is unique in the fact she's not my biological daughter, but I've been privileged to be her mom for five years now. I'll continue to be her mom for as long as I'm privileged to be and will continue to advocate for her needs.

Today I would like to share with you the great work my case manager has done and my concerns about not fully funding the case management budget. Karma's case manager has been important to us as he has:

- Connected us to services;
- Created a Positive Behavior Support Plan due to Karma's increased behaviors - our case manager also gave us information on how to connect with SilverNail NW Behavior Professionals and Technical Assistance Consulting;
- Helped us access Family Support Funds when it was available at the start of COVID-19 and the restrictions that were starting to be implemented. With these funds we were able to obtain items to assist Karma with her behaviors, and sensory, which was helpful overall with the drastic changes directly related to COVID-19 as it significantly disrupted her everyday routine;
- Assist with access to COVID-19 Vaccinations.

I am concerned that the case management budget may not be fully funded because I don't know what we would do in a crisis, or how to navigate through processes to best advocate for Karma's needs without our case manager or Deschutes County CDDP's help and support. Our case manager has a high caseload and I do my best to be helpful for him with providing him with as much current information on Karma's progress, as well as an overall update because I know he's stretched thin with trying his best to provide person centered case management services for all of the individuals that he assists.

I want and need to help my little one continue to be successful even though she has daily struggles due to her intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD). But, that means to me that the state needs to do its best to provide the necessary financial funding for all Oregon CDDP case managers that are just as committed as I, and my case manager, am for the success of an I/DD individual.

Thank you for taking time to review my testimony and please support my daughter by funding case management services by adding additional staff and funding which will help to increase the quality of these services, not only for my daughter, but all I/DD individuals.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Hisatake