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As the mother of a medically complex child in CIIS that is not a part of the 155 spots. Please allow the parents in the Children's Extraordinary Needs waiver to be PSWs. It would be cheaper for the state meaning more spots could open up on the state's only paid parent program for minors. Currently there are only 155 spots for more than 1500 eligible children. (Only children with an ONA score of 5m or 5b — the very highest needs — are eligible.)

This does NOT eliminate training or oversight and our kids' direct care matters more than any other interest.