

DHCFP.NV staff,

My son has attended OV for not quite 3 years, and still lives with us. He has expressed the desire to move out on his own, and we are more than happy about this. He is 28, and expect will require tier 3 supervision - with no health issues, physical disabilities or behavioral issues, but long and short term memory difficulties and other cognitive impairments that require him to seek assist in order to move around the community, keep track of time, etc. Residential assistance for folks who need gentle direction and guidance but not 24 care in a group home setting has been difficult to find. We have lived in many states, and all seem behind in accommodating the need - so the fact that OV is tackling this with the bar set high and detail to attention is welcome.

The key, we believe, will be in the quality of staff. Having worked in the field myself for many years, it is difficult to attract dedicated, well rounded, mature individuals, educated to the need and willing to learn more. The facility is beautiful; our hope is that enough funds will remain to enable OV to offer a pay and benefit package that will attract individuals with a secondary education and at least some experience in the ID/DD field.

With that said, we are totally supportive of these plans, and do genuinely hope that support and ongoing funding follows for such a residential facility to be built here and thrive. Our kids are depending on it, as well as parents - we grow older every day!

Thank you very much for the opportunity to respond.

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