



**Associated Production Services, Inc.**  
**The Packaging Performance People™**  
*Empowering Disabled Workers*

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Dear Parents and Friends of APS,

Hello everybody. I hope you are well and "keeping the faith"!

As you know last Friday we met with Nancy Thaler, Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and two officials from ODP for 5 hours.

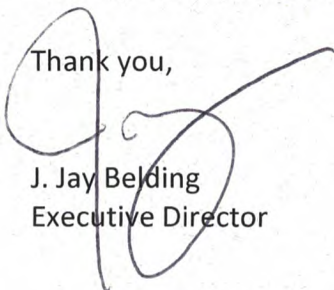
Our time together was productive and forthright. We continued the stream of communication you have so effectively accomplished through your letters in that we were passionate, and respectful and collaborative. I am confident that we touched on every issue and concern you have raised.

As you can see in the chart below much has been amended in the past few days. APS has emerged as one of the leading voices in the State. We are speaking with several of the leaders of ODP, other shop directors, legislators, board members and parents/guardians. Our opinions and enthusiasm is respected and appreciated by all.

We have made great strides but there are some open issues. We still need to clarify and come to a mutual resolution on some of the alternative changes. As professionals in the field, and as your advocate, I am striving to be a good steward to all. I am taking a position of maintaining and preserving the valued programs we offer today, supporting the precept that choice and option are the cornerstones of all programs offered to ID/DD adults; while at the same time aiding our State to qualify for the Federal funds we deserve. Finally we need to contribute to the pioneering efforts which will expand the boundaries for acceptance, inclusion, and opportunity for those we serve.

Please stay close to our website. Any impactful news will be posted immediately.

Thank you for your patience, persistence, and hopefulness.

Thank you,  
  
J. Jay Belding  
Executive Director

Proposed	Alternative Based on Comments
25% community integration by Jan. 2018 50 % community integration by June 2018 75% community integration by Jan. 2019  Limit size of facility to 100 Limit size of new facilities to 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25% of participants time in community integrated experiences by Sept. 2018<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applies only to individuals whom the agency provides some level of services 3 days a week or more</li><li>• Measured by person on a monthly average basis</li><li>• Exceptions for medical and behavioral causes and the person's choice that is based on direct experience and is considered through ISP</li></ul></li><li>• Adopt community integration measure as part of the 3 yr. provider performance review cycle to provide consumers and families with information on which to make a choice of provider.</li><li>• Limit size of new facilities to 25 effective upon adoption of the regulations</li><li>• Limit size of existing facilities to 150 by March 2019<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Existing facilities will be allowed to relocate without penalty.</li></ul></li></ul>