



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

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Dear Friends and Family of APS,

Two years ago you helped us change a mandate from The Office of Developmental Programs that required community participation for all individuals to it being a matter of CHOICE.

Today we face an even more daunting challenge.

We received a notice of proposed rates that our funding for work center vocational services will be cut starting July 1, 2019 by 24.5%. (This notice is posted on our website www.apspackage.com under Transition Plan, ODP Announcement 19-024)

Surprisingly the funding when people are out in the community volunteering or being entertained will be increased! You know that we offer community participation activities but our folks overwhelmingly want to work in the shop and make money.

My heart is heavy when I tell you we could not survive this cut in revenue.

We need your help once again.

Please send an email or write a letter to the below entities/people stating that the proposed decrease in CPS facility 1:15 based rates will jeopardize the continued service that benefits your family member and what it would mean for them and your family.

EMAIL – ra-ratesetting@pa.gov – Use subject header “FY19-20 Rate Changes”

**MAIL - Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs
Division of Provider Assistance and Rate Setting
4th Floor, Health and Welfare Building
625 Forster Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

**Email and/or Mail a copy to your state representatives. To find your legislator please go to:
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>**

If you would prefer to send your comments to us we will gladly forward for you. (aps@apspackage.com)

All comments must be received by April 5, 2019. We only have 30 days to voice our concerns about the future of work centers.

Sincerely,


J. Jay Belding
Founder/Executive Director