

Rogin, Gabriel@SCDD

From:
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:29 PM
To:
Subject: Another Letter regarding Lisa Hooks
Importance: High

Thank you Shauntj. I have forwarded your letter to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Here you go Gabriel and Aaron.

Sincerely,

Nicole Neff II Special Needs Advocate
Rayna's Resistance

"All great achievements require time" Maya Angelou

From: Shauntj Buttram-Gonzale
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 8:48 AM
To:
Subject: Services

Good Morning,

I wanted to share a wonderful experience I had when I spoke with Lisa Hooks last week. I called to inquire about services on behalf of one of my disabled parents. I teach second grade in Fairfield, Ca and she has a son in my classroom.

Even though the services Ms. Hook's agency provides did not meet our needs, she took the time to provide other resources for us. She was patient, kind, and compassionate. She made me feel that there are still people that really care.

I would love for this agency to continue to be a resource for others because as you know the need is GREAT!!! Also, Lisa said you offer parenting classes and I would greatly appreciate more information so I can communicate this with my parent.

Once again, Lisa Hooks was AMAZING!!!

Kindly,

Shauntj Buttram



Pamela Ptacek Blatt
SELPA Director
Napa County SELPA

Dear Aaron:

I am the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Director for Napa County. I serve on the Disability Committee with Lisa Hooks. Lisa is an outstanding professional who has been so helpful over with linking families with special needs to resources and services. She is an integral part of the disabilities community in both Napa and Solano Counties. She participates on many task forces, collaborative groups, and planning meetings to advocate for the needs of children and adults with disabilities in our local communities.

The loss of Lisa Hooks and the Solano SCDD office would leave a huge void in our community. We ask you to reconsider your geographical changes in order to best meet the needs of the communities you serve.

Sincerely,

Pamela Ptacek Blatt

SELPA Director, Napa County SELPA

From: Malynda McGregor
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 8:22 AM
To: Malynda McGregor
Subject: Vallejo Office Closure

Dear State Council,

I am a parent and grandparent of two children with special needs. My family and I have struggled with many difficult circumstances over the past several years.

Lisa Hooks at the SCDD Vallejo Regional Office assisted my family with navigating the IHHS and North Bay Regional Services system and process. She has also been instrumental in assisting my family in ensuring that proper IEP's were completed and that proper educational placements for our children with with disabilities, were in place according to state policy. After becoming homeless in June, Ms. Hooks also assisted my family with information and referrals for shelter, housing and food.

Vallejo is a small town with big city needs. We cannot afford to lose a valuable resource in our community. Families and individuals with disabilities in Vallejo deserve local and accessible representation. Ms. Hooks clearly cares about our community and works diligently to provide the services needed and requested by the community at large.

Closing the Vallejo office, leaves individuals with disabilities without a reasonably accessible (in-office) location to access information and referral services and would be a detriment to the residents in our city.

Please reconsider the decision to close the Vallejo SCDD office.

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Malynda McGregor

Rogin, Gabriel@SCDD

From:
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 7:09 PM
To:
Subject: Fwd: URGENT: Opposition to Closing the Local State Council Office in Vallejo

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Michelle X. Davis"
Date: October 19, 2017 at 8:17:31 AM PDT
To:
Subject: URGENT: Opposition to Closing the Local State Council Office in Vallejo

October 19, 2017

Dear State Council on Developmental Disabilities,

I want to share my opposition to closing the local State Council office in Vallejo. Closing this office would result in a loss of services and supports that is critical to me and/or my family having the tools I and/or we need in order to be fully included in the community. Please vote not to close the Vallejo office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle Davis

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From: Barbara Montaldo
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2017 7:43 PM
To:
Subject: Re: SDCC Vallejo Office

Good afternoon Gabriel Rogin,

I'm writing to you to appeal to keep open the SDCC Vallejo Office and to let you know what terrific work Lisa Hooks has done in the office. Ms. Hooks has been instrumental in providing support to self-advocates, family advocates, and professionals in the field of advocacy. I attend the RAC meetings with a self-advocate and sit with Lisa Hooks on The Napa Valley Committee on Disabilities and see all the opportunities she provides for trainings, information and where her continued presence and the SDCC Office is needed here in Vallejo and Napa. Ms. Hooks support has been instrumental to our local communities. Most importantly, I have been able to pass this information to my colleagues and our local community. Ms. Hooks has demonstrated the effort, compassion, courage, and respect that our special needs community demands. In many occasions, Ms. Hooks is such a great source of information and spends the time needed with her self-advocates, families and the communities she works. Her presence brings a sense of calm and ease when she talks to self-advocates, families and the community they feel they are being heard.

Moving Ms. Hooks to Ukiah would devastate our community, leaving our special needs community without any representation. We must keep our local office so that we may continue to have Lisa hold her education trainings, attend RAC meetings, represent the SDCC and any other special needs matter. Thank you for your review of this matter. I assure you the \$100,000 deficit can surely be made up elsewhere. A satellite office won't benefit our community it will only cause more distress for the disability community and tell them that their voices aren't part of the budget. If Lisa can manage Solano, Napa, and Sonoma counties on her own these past 2 years with making such a huge impact, we can find another area where cuts can be made!

Sincerely,

Barbara Montaldo

Community Resource Specialist