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MY NAME is Pamela Tate. I am the mother of a severely Autistic thirteen year old boy. Chip cannot ~~speak~~ TALK or sign ~~his wants or needs~~ yet UNDERSTANDS everything said to him. I have done everything imaginable to help him. ~~These~~ This past year and a half Chip has ripped the flesh from his cheeks, forehead and neck. He pinched his body so much you could only see bruising on his torso, legs + arms. This is TRUE AUTISM, not the RAINMAN, savant version.

ONLY in a STRUCTURED FACILITY with MEDICAL SUPPORT have ~~we~~ I seen Chip excell.

Yet in the state of Montana children like mine have no place to go for longer than a week or two.

There are NOT enough group homes and not ONE residential/school facility.

When Chip was diagnosed eleven years ago, AUTISM was ONE out of every 10,000 children. Today one out of every 166.

Chip is just the beginning of the ~~wave~~ AVALANCHE of AUTISM coming into the Montana system.

I am asking you to ~~get~~ BE smart - ~~get~~ BE prepared.

THIS problem should have been addressed Five years ago AND certainly CANNOT WAIT ANOTHER FIVE.

IT TOOK years TO get CHIP INTO his present medicaid waiver slot. Now I will Loose The medicaid waiver because Montana is forcing me To send Chip out of STATE To receive THE help ~~I we~~ he needs.

THIS is NOTHING more THAN Legalized child ABUSE, forcing families To separate by STATES To get The help THEY need.

WHAT OTHER STATE neglects Their disabled children LIKE THIS?

Add up THE MONEY YOU NOW SEND TO OTHER STATES TO TAKE CARE of OUR AUTISTIC CHILDREN.
IT would be more COST effective AND humaine To build OUR OWN STATE NEUROREHAB CENTER.

Don't force me TO SEND Chip To Texas To get The help he needs. I want him in ~~THIS STATE~~ MONTANA WITH me. I CANNOT Loose his medicaid waiver AND I CANNOT bare To have him so far from me. ~~Help me.~~ ~~Think of your own wife or mother and~~ UNDERSTAND THIS STATEMENT Clearly. There IS NOTHING more fierce THAN a MOTHER protecting ITS YOUNG AND THAT avalanche of MOTHERS ARE heading