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Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program Awarded \$42,500 to Monitor Residents Leaving Partlow

On the heels of the announced closing of the W.D. Partlow Developmental Center, the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) has been awarded a \$42,500 contract to monitor and advocate on behalf of individuals with intellectual disabilities transitioning to community settings. The funds were provided by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities to the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) who made the award to ADAP.

“We are pleased to provide this funding to the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program,” said NDRN executive director Curt Decker. “We are confident their breadth of experience and demonstrated commitment will ensure the rights of individuals with disabilities are protected.”

ADAP has extensive experience monitoring the transition of individuals from institutions to the community including those who have already left Partlow. As part of the on-going downsizing by the Alabama Department of Mental Health, ADAP has visited hundreds of individuals with intellectual and psychiatric disabilities who once resided in Alabama’s large institutions, but who now live in smaller group homes and other similar settings in their communities.

ADAP’s previous monitoring and advocacy activities have uncovered instances of abuse and neglect, helped individuals move into less restrictive environments, and assisted individuals in gaining access to better services and supports.

“This contract will allow ADAP to ensure the rights of the individuals leaving Partlow for a new life in the community are protected,” said Dr. Ellen Gillespie, executive director of ADAP. “We will use it to advocate on their behalf and make certain the highest standards are met in their new homes.”

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