



Do You Want "Congregate Care"?

Then now is the time to counter calls for institutions and other segregated settings

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) has just extended the deadline for submitting testimony for its national listening sessions. And people who support institutions are wasting no time in letting ADD know what they want. In fact, Voices of the Retarded (VOR) is calling on its membership to "Tell ADD to support Choice" in residential settings for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Please take a minute to provide your comments to ADD and let them know that segregated, congregate living for people with disabilities should NOT be a choice. We know all too well that abuse, neglect and other forms of denigration are far more likely to occur in large congregate settings. Integrated, community based housing is the only policy the federal government should be supporting.

It is critical that ADD hear from many people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or their family members. Please submit your comments before *March 4* at:

http://www.envision2010.net/comment_submit.php

Thank you in advance for your advocacy.